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Barry Magistrates Court admin to be moved out of Vale

THE Courts Service is to go ahead with plans which will mean transferring administration work from the Vale Magistrates Court in Barry to Bridgend.

A court insider told The GEM that it was a blow for the town that the administration work would be carried out elsewhere, adding: "The staff are not happy that they are having to be moved, but also wonder whether the courthouse will be in danger in the long term."

Three years ago, the Vale Magistrates Court looked under threat when it was one of a number of south Wales courts subject to an estates review, but at the time its future was secured.

Of the six jobs, two will be moved to Bridgend, two will go to Cardiff, with two staying in Barry to carry out reception duties.

Vale Conservative candidate Alun Cairns said he would be questioning the Courts Service about the decision to transfer administrative staff away from Barry.

He said: "This issue has been highlighted in

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

The GEM and I am concerned that only two positions will remain.

"These staff members will have to man the reception desk and phones and deal with the public when they contact the court for help.

"In my view that's not enough - especially when you consider that staff will need to take a lunch break which would leave just one person to deal with everything.

"I am also worried about what will happen during holiday and periods of sickness. We could be down to just one person or none at all.

"Will staff be seconded to Barry from other courts under those circumstances?"

Mr Cairns said he feared that in the long term the court might be closed down completely.

"There have been dozens of courts closed throughout Wales but the administration of justice needs to be close to where people are living and it would be ludicrous to expect defendants and witnesses to travel either to Bridgend or Barry.

"The Vale, which used to have an additional court in Cowbridge, needs to retain its own court at Barry."

Last Friday, members of staff met a manager to discuss their future and a court insider told The GEM: "It seems like it is all done and dusted.

"Two staff will stay, two will have to go to Bridgend, and two will go to Cardiff.

"The current work includes pre and post criminal court work, maintenance enforcement, fines - if the fines officer isn't in, dealing with legal applications, reception and telephone duties.

"With the bulk of work going to Bridgend there will be problems. Files will have to go back and forth daily, and if a file isn't there, a delay could follow.

"It seems like another

nailed in the coffin for Barry and the Vale."

A spokesman for the Court Service commented: "A small number of staff moves are to be made from Barry courthouse, as part of an overall exercise to balance workloads and staffing numbers across all courts in south-east Wales."

The spokesman said the moves had followed a period of consultation with the staff and union, and getting value for money had been a paramount consideration in making the changes.

The spokesman added: "During a period of tight budget control, it is essential that we demonstrate best use of taxpayers' funding in providing our services."

How town hall project went over budget

COUNCILLORS and council officers will be looking to learn some important lessons after a report detailed how the Barry Town Hall project escalated in cost from £4.07 million in 1998, to £7.5 million in 2002, and on to an eventual £11.05 million final bill.

The figures were revealed this week in a report prepared by the director of Finance, ICT and Property, Sian Davies, that was considered by the corporate resources scrutiny committee on Tuesday (February 16).

Coun Neil Moore had requested the report and he told The GEM: "I think that with this report, and a previous report that I requested last year, we will all be in a position to learn from it and to improve the council's procurement policy."

One thing that stands out when reading the report is the cost of external consultants, which reached the surprising total of £1,470,000 - 13 per cent of the total £11 million cost.

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'A DISGRACE!'

Resident's anger at litter on Barry Island embankment



ABOVE:
Rubbish cluttering the embankment along Clive Road.

A Barry Island resident has branded the embankment which runs alongside Clive Road and is strewn with rubbish as "a disgrace".

For people who live in Clive Road or Clive Place, the views down to the Waterfront are impressive and panoramic, but the grass just beyond the black fence that runs alongside the pavement has become a dumping ground.

Local resident, Mr Nigel Evans, said: "It is not nice to come out of your house every day and have to see that.

"For the last 12 months there has been no cleaning of the embankment - it's a disgrace.

"The fence is also looking ramshackle and in a state of disrepair."

The dumped rubbish includes an old three-piece suite, cans, bottles, wrappers and plastic containers.

On December 24, Mr Evans e-mailed the council, pointing out the amount of litter and rubbish that was accumulating beyond the railings, and requesting a meeting - so far he has had no response to that request.

Mr Evans said some of the rubbish blew across Clive Road during December when there were no refuse collections for more than three weeks.

He pointed out that the embankment could be a pleasant terraced area for residents to enjoy the glorious views with a park and benches.

Further down Clive Road, a children's play park, across the road from Barry Island Primary School, has been a popular addition to the area.

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WHAT DID CASE COST TAXPAYER?

MR Maurice Kirk was bailed by Barry Magistrates, but was remanded on appeal by the police; he then spent eight months in jail.

From your report last week, it was very clear that the jury were sympathetic to him. Could the police and the CPS tell us just how much this farce has cost taxpayers?

I believe it costs around £300 per day to keep a person in jail, so the police appeal has cost us around £72,000.

Would anyone like to add to the total for all the other costs involved? I'm sure we would be able to take the total well over £100,000 with very little effort!

What a way to spend our money when there is so much else to be done!

David Kennett, Barry

Wider problem of Vale litter

In response to I Hopkin's article on the litter problem throughout the Vale in last week's GEM, I am regularly saddened by the amount of litter on the roadsides, particularly the number of fast food litter items.

It never fails to annoy me that you can be miles from the nearest McDonalds and yet still find one of their drink cups nestled in the

hedgerow.

McDonalds pay staff to litter pick around their restaurant sites but, if you look at the amount of litter created because of their products countrywide, shouldn't they really provide a much further-reaching clean-up service – rather than just in the immediate vicinity of their sites?

Carolyn Veal-Shaw, Boverton
(See more letters on litter in the Vale on page 26)

'Horse riders want it all'

IWOULDN'T normally take the time to respond to people's whinges, but Joanne McCarthy from Barry had me fuming (GEM letters last week).

Speaking as a dog owner, motorcyclist and pedestrian, I've encountered many rather large deposits of horse waste in the middle of the road, pavements and now I have the added pleasure of it on the beach.

Riding a motorcycle is an experience, when one comes around a corner to find a horse poo in the middle of it; and

when pushing children round in a buggy, one has to clean horse poo off the wheels.

If it is too hard to get off your horse to clean up, surely you aren't in control as much as you believe you are.

I am able to clean up within seconds of my dog fouling, and do so every time, before children or adults walk through it.

Isn't it time horse owners decided what they want – the road? the path? the bridle ways? the country walks? the beach? It seems to me they want it all.

Rachael Davies, Rhosee
(See more readers' letters on this subject on page 26)

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VALE COUNCIL PLEDGE OVER THAT BOSCH LAND

IFELT that I should write to reassure local people within the Peterston-super-Ely Ward that there is no question of the 'Bosch site' becoming a 'residential development' and/or 'retail park'.

The current situation is quite clear. Bosch occupies around 33 acres and has had 'out-line planning consent' for the development of around a further 131 acres for 'industrial purposes' since 1989.

As such, at any time

during the last 20 years, Bosch could have submitted a planning application for 'detailed consent' for the consideration of the Vale of Glamorgan Council planning committee.

The potential use of these 131 acres is clearly identified in the council's Unitary Development Plan as land for employment purposes.

Furthermore, there is a specific policy in the plan protecting such land for employment use, which excludes both residential and

retail use. I have spoken to the Leader of the council, Coun Gordon Kemp, and he is adamant that 'council policy' will not change.

I have also had the opportunity to speak to Jane Hutt AM, our Assembly Member and the Welsh Assembly Government Minister for Business and Budget.

She has spoken to both the First Minister

and the Deputy First Minister and they, too, are determined that the land use should not be altered.

I do hope that this reassures local people and that they are aware that we all take their quite understandable concerns most seriously.

Coun Rhodri Traherne, (Peterston-super-Ely ward member and cabinet member for economic development and regeneration)

Taking a vote to the extreme...

WHEN assessing the functionality of any proposed new system, it is useful to examine how it would function in a fairly extreme state.

I imagine three candidates from history that I need to rank in order of preference: Churchill, Hitler and Stalin. If, to my horror, the election shows that either of the two mass murderers has

been elected by the alternative vote system, I will have to think to myself, and will be told by the politicians – "Well, you voted for him!"

I conclude that the system is a total nonsense. The tired, jaded Mr Brown has come up with a dreadful idea yet again and proved conclusively that he is incapable of seeing any further than the end of his nose

Malcolm Roberts, Trerhyngyll

WRITE IN!

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HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL FEBRUARY 25)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
18 Thur	08.46	9.4	20.59	9.2
19 Fri	09.14	9.1	21.29	8.8
20 Sat	09.46	8.8	22.07	8.5
21 Sun	10.25	8.5	22.46	8.2
22 Mon	11.09	7.9	23.39	7.6
23 Tues			12.31	7.5
24 Wed	01.11	7.5	14.09	7.6
25 Thur	02.52	7.9	15.36	8.1

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MAY I, through your excellent newspaper, send this message to the people of the Vale of Glamorgan...

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you feel you can do it.

After one week, you will walk so much better and you will enjoy the experience.

Cars would be used only to carry you to beaches or country parks, morning and afternoon.

The local council should upgrade all footpaths and walking places, and all walks in the Vale of Glamorgan should be signposted!

Robert G Dyke, Barry

GEM winner's thank you

IRECENTLY won two tickets in a GEM competition for the Holiday On Ice show in Cardiff.

I attended the show on Tuesday with a friend, and what a spectacular show it was!

We thoroughly enjoyed our evening, thanks to The GEM.

I love doing the competitions.
A Baxter, St Athan

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Matthew's campaign to save 'historic' lime trees from being cut down

A BARRY school-boy hopes his campaign to save four historic lime trees in Belle Vue Terrace has been successful.

Matthew Ireland, aged 12, was dismayed that trees at Cadoxton House were cut down and feared the same might happen to lime trees on Belle Vue Terrace, which runs alongside the building.

He explained: "I was disappointed that one of the area's rare monkey puzzle trees had been cut down to make way for developments at

RIGHT: Matthew with one of the protection notices he placed on the lime trees.

Cadoxton House, and decided to put posters on the lime trees to warn contractors and tree surgeons that the community wanted to protect them."

Matthew, a pupil at Barry Comprehensive School, also started a petition, gathering 20 names from residents of Belle Vue Terrace and Victoria Park Road which he sent into the Vale Council.



He said: "At school we have learnt about a Brazilian tribe in the rainforest. They are having trouble holding onto their homes because of woodcutters and miners.

"But global warming is not just about the rainforests in Brazil, it is about keeping trees in built up areas too. The trees help local wildlife and improve the view."

The Vale Council responded to Matthew's petition by pointing out the lime trees are 'street trees', and any maintenance including felling would be controlled by sections of the Town and Country (Trees) Regulations 1999.

It added: "In respect of 'street trees' it is assumed that they are unlikely to be felled without good reason," although it pointed out that for street trees it is not usual to issue a legal order.

Matthew is "cautiously optimistic" that the lime trees will not be cut down.

New hotel might be built in the innovation quarter

HOT on the heels of Barry town centre receiving a £200,000 boost, and more ambitious plans being submitted for the Waterfront, comes a Vale cabinet meeting, which will discuss making land available for a hotel at the innovation quarter.

As The GEM went to press yesterday, councillors were deciding whether to allow the Triangle site to be marketed for a hotel, and possibly a restaurant and public house as well.

The Triangle land is located between the Hydraulic Pump House and Fford y Milenium, and overlooks number one dock.

A private developer

has approached the Vale Council to express an interest in developing the site.

It is hoped that another hotel in Barry, to supplement Mount Sorrel in the West End, will give the town's tourism industry a timely boost.

Rob Quick, the director of environmental and economic development for the council, said: "The aim of the innovation quarter is to deliver a high quality mixed-use development within the heart of the Waterfront."

"Projects within the innovation quarter, include the council's Heritage Skill's Training Centre, the council's Business Support Centre, and a new £4m primary care centre."

He explained: "If realised, a development of this nature would

assist the regeneration of the innovation quarter and the wider area, creating jobs, regenerating a brown-field site, and supporting the local tourist economy."

Waterfront and Barry area, creating jobs, regenerating a brown-field site, and supporting the local tourist economy."

"In view of the known interest from a developer, it is now proposed to appoint property agents to market the Triangle site for disposal."

Last week, The GEM reported how the Waterfront consortium had submitted more ambitious plans for the docks area, saying the scheme would create 700 permanent jobs, and 800 additional jobs across the local area, as a result of the development.

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Dyffryn Gardens to host observatory

CARDIFF Astronomical Society is building an observatory at Dyffryn Gardens for use of its members and the public.

It will be sited in a low light pollution area next door to the Cory Educational Centre at the gardens, so lectures can also be held in conjunction with observing events.

Work commences in the spring and it should be operational by the end of the year.

The project is being funded by Cardiff Astronomical Society, but with

the cooperation of the Vale of Glamorgan Astronomical Society and Dyffryn Gardens.

The telescope, already in the Cardiff society's possession, is a computer-controlled instrument with an impressive 305 mm aperture. A sliding roof will let the telescope see the sky, while a covered annexe will house operating equipment and cater to visitors' comfort.

In due course observers will be able to transmit live images direct from the telescope to the projection unit at the Cory Centre during lectures.

MARC DELANEY

WARTIME BARRY

GEM contributor Dr Jonathan Hicks will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Wenvoe History Society on Thursday, February 25.

Dr Hicks will be presenting a new illustrated talk on the Barriars who served during the Second World War and will cover men and women who served with the RAF, Royal Navy, Army and Merchant Navy.

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Police praise for Barry community as drug dealers sent to prison

TWO Barry men have been sent to prison for supplying heroin within the local community.

Nigel Painting (47) and Jason Jackson (34) were arrested in a series of early morning raids in the town last summer and were sentenced last week at Cardiff Crown Court to five and four and a half years in prison respectively.

Police carried out the morning raids in Barry last June, as part of Operation Calais.

Operation Calais began with intelligence gathering exercises and in June five people were arrested as part of the final phase.

Three other defendants from Barry also received sentences, Russell Parry (36) was sentenced to 12 months; Michelle Magrin (33) eight months, and Michael Skinner also had 12 months, all three suspended for two years.

Ten officers took part in the month-long operation, including neighbourhood policing officers, specialist rapid entry teams, the drugs team and a drug-sniffer dog.

As part of the operation, more than £2,000 worth of heroin, a quantity of cannabis and other



Nigel George Painting.



Jason Williams Jackson.

drug paraphernalia was seized.

Detective Sergeant Julian Kerslake of Barry CID said: "We acted on information received from the local community, who were concerned about drug use and drug supply in their streets and the detrimental impact to their neighbourhood."

"The lengthy prison sentences handed out to Painting and Jackson reinforce our commitment to target drug dealers in the Vale of Glamorgan, where we have a zero tolerance."

Superintendent Liane James added: "These people thought they could get away with supplying heroin in our community which has the impact of destroying the lives of our families, friends and impressionable young people."

"But they were wrong."

They were caught, thanks to the community who stood up to these people who were plaguing them and provided the information we needed to put an end to the crimes impacting upon their quality of life.

"These sentences at Cardiff Crown Court send a strong message to criminals that the police, our partnership agencies and the communities of the Vale of Glamorgan will continue in our fight to remove drugs from our streets and bring those offenders intent on causing such misery to justice."

"We want to reassure our communities that we will continue to protect them from the harm and misery these people intend to cause for their own profit, however we can only achieve it with their help and support," Supt James added.

Island litter: council reply to concerns

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Miles Punter, head of visible services, said: "I apologise to Mr Evans for our failure to respond to his contact of the December 24, 2009. While not an excuse, it is likely that he did not receive a substantive response, as the majority of land over which he is concerned is not in the council's ownership."

"It is therefore not our legal duty to ensure that it is clear of litter and refuse. This duty lies with the landowner."

"However, we are sometimes able to utilise resources through our various partnerships to assist in clearing land that isn't under our control."

"We do this when we receive permission from the landowner concerned. It is accepted

that we had some refuse collection problems in the Barry Island area, as a result of the severe winter weather and, while this disruption did not last for three weeks, it is possible that it resulted in some increase in wind-borne refuse material."

"If Mr Evans would like to contact me directly via our contact centre on 01446 700111 then I would be happy to arrange for an officer to meet with him to consider his concerns in detail and establish what action we can take."

• It isn't just Mr Evans who is concerned about the volume of littering in the area.

For more letters about litter in both Barry and rest of the Vale, turn to page 26 of this week's GEM.

Opera evening raises £1,414 for the RNLI

BARRY fundraising branch of the RNLI has thanked Welsh National Opera for the entertainment at a fundraising event by Anitra Blaxhall, the Three Other Tenors and Helen & Jasey (accompanied by their pianist for the evening Mr James Southall) who wowed the audience with operatic songs, classic show tunes and comedy classics.

"The evening raised £1,414 for the charity," said spokeswoman Jennie Williams.

"We are not government funded and it costs over £123 million a year to run this organisation, and with the ever-increasing

cost of crew training, which is essential to ensure that our voluntary crews are kept safe while carrying out whatever rescue mission is asked of them 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, we need the public's help to enable us to save lives sea."

"We are always looking for volunteers to help with our fundraising."

"Alternatively, if perhaps there are any other organisations in the town that would be prepared to arrange a fundraiser on our behalf, please telephone 01446 734888."

Town council explains policy on local burials

by TIM CHAPMAN

THE recent stories in The GEM over Barry Town Council's policy on charging for local burials, struck a chord with a woman whose father lived in Rhooose.

Mrs Colette Raymond suggested the council should make a concession in charges to people who did not live in the town, but had a history in the town – or had contributed significantly to it.

She explained: "My father Brian Westall was born and brought up in Barry. He went to school in Barry in the 1940s and 1950s, and worked in the town, including many years as a lecturer in carpentry and woodwork at Barry College."

"In 1965, he chose to buy a house and live in Rhooose, just four miles outside Barry. Sadly, he passed away in May 2008 and my mother Christine chose to bury him at Barry Cemetery, as her parents and other members of the family are buried there."

"She knew she would feel more comfortable visiting his grave there, as it is a bit more open than Porthkerry cemetery – plus she felt she was returning him to his original roots."

"My mother had to pay three times the price for the privilege. So despite my father being a 'Barry boy' and dedicating most of his working life to the Barry community, because he chose to live just outside the town he was therefore not a Barry resident. As such, my mother had to pay extra to bury him at Barry Cemetery."

Brian's work as a lecturer in the town was so highly regarded that one man even approached Christine at the funeral to thank her for her husband's encouragement in turning his life around."

What Colette can't understand is why the charge goes up so steeply for someone who has strong Barry connections, and leads to them paying the same as someone who has never lived in the town.

"Charging a bit extra for those not resident in Barry at the time of death is perhaps acceptable, but three times the amount is extortionate."

"I guess my mother was fortunate in that she did have sufficient funds to pay the extra required, but had she not, she may have ended up not being able to carry out my father's wishes and having to bury him in a place she did not feel comfortable visiting."

Colette added: "My understanding is that Barry Cemetery is owned by Barry Town Council and not the Vale Council, so even though my father paid his council tax to the Vale Council, which is used to provide services for the whole of the Vale including Barry, it seems this makes no difference when choosing where to bury your loved ones!"

FACTORS
A spokesman for Barry Town Council explained that the charges depended on a number of factors.

"The true charges are dependent upon a whole range of variables, such as whether or not the family of the deceased wish to purchase the exclusive right of burial, the age of the deceased, whether the interment being undertaken is at single, double or triple depth, whether a full coffin burial is required, or whether the interment is in a cremated remains plot, as is increasingly the case this century."

"The differences in terms of fees and charges levied reflect the fact that people who have been resident in Barry all their

lives will have been paying towards the upkeep of Barry cemetery via the precept levied by Barry Town Council, whereas those who are non-residents will not be making any contribution at all.

"A person who, for example, chose to move away from Barry and live elsewhere in 1970, will have made no contribution to the upkeep of Barry Cemetery for 40 years – but they will have been doing so in respect of the Burial Authority responsible for the civil cemetery in their locality since 1970."

The spokesman pointed out: "In 2008-09 (the year in which the deceased was buried) the cost of purchasing the exclusive right for a Barry resident would have been £220."

"Add to this the cost of interring a person who at the time of their death was a Barry resident, which for an adult would have been £160, £280 or £400 respectively (depending upon whether the interment was made at single, double or triple depth within the grave space) and you can see that total burial costs would have been £380, £500 or £620."

"The total charge levied in respect of a deceased non-resident therefore would have been £1,140, £1,500 or £1,860 respectively."

The spokesman pointed out that Barry Town Council is the burial authority for the town, not the Vale Council, and added:

"While taxes paid by the deceased to the Vale Council will have contributed towards that council's costs...not one penny would have contributed towards the cost of providing burial services in Barry, the burden of which is borne entirely by Barry residents as part of their precept payment to the Town Council, offset to some extent by fees paid by those wishing to bury their loved ones in Barry cemetery."

CCTV aids 11 arrests

CCTV operated by the Safer Vale Partnership, assisted with 11 arrests in the week ending February 14.

It contacted police on 49 occasions and 10 of the arrests (in Barry) related to possession of drugs (Barry Road, February 8), burglary (four persons, Gibbonsdown, February 9), shoplifting

(Kingsland Crescent, February 9), shoplifting (Wyndham Street, February 10), wanted on warrant and possession of drugs (Barry Island, February 13), assault (Broad Street, February 13) and possession of drugs (Island Road, February 14).

There was one arrest for criminal damage in Windsor Road, Penarth, on February 13.

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Actor Luke (13) stars in CBeebies worldwide hit

by TIM CHAPMAN

IN recent years, south Wales has become a hot-bed of film production with series like Gavin and Stacey and Torchwood topping TV ratings – there has also been a flourishing of local acting talent with youngsters like Barry's Luke Perry making a name for themselves.

Luke, aged 13, featured in *Torchwood*, *Children of Earth* last summer, and is currently appearing in BBC CBeebies worldwide success *Grandpa in My Pocket* which has been sold abroad to television stations in Canada, Africa, India, Poland, France, Italy, New Zealand, Finland and Iceland!

Luke told The GEM: road from Jason Mason,



ABOVE:
Luke with Eve Myles when he appeared in *Torchwood*: *Children of Earth*.

"I filmed *Grandpa* last summer and I appear in five of the 26 episodes.

"I play the role of Floyd who is a spoilt brat and likes his own way.

"Floyd lives across the

LOCAL BLOOD DONORS

THE next sessions run by the Welsh Blood Service are:

Barry College, Colcot Road, Barry on March 3, 10am-4pm and Old Pioneers Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on March 9, 10am-12.30pm and 2pm-6pm.

To attend the Colcot Road session, it is advisable to make an appointment. Please call 01443 622193 or email donor.appointments@wbs.wales.nhs.uk.

For regular donors who are likely to miss a session, it helps if they call 0800 252266 to arrange an alternative one.

Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg and when he appeared in *Torchwood* the reaction he got from fellow pupils was really positive.

"There was lots of banter – a great reaction with some of them chanting 'We are coming!' a line from the show."

Luke, like fellow Barry actor Jay Ruckley, who plays the role of Jason Mason, is building up an impressive acting CV.

His big break came when he appeared as the body double of the 'Empty Child' in *Dr Who*. He has also appeared in *Casualty* and on stage in *Peter Pan*. He took on the role of Michael Darling alongside Paul Nicholas as Captain Hook.

Nowadays, he takes performing in front of the cameras in his stride.

"I don't feel nervous at all. Sometimes you have to do another 'take'. If I get it wrong five times, then I do get nervous because I know it's wasting money."

Luke's ambition is to eventually act in a comedy series.

Grandpa in My Pocket is on CBeebies every weekday evening from 5.20pm.

Grandpa's grandson, and always wants to show that he is better than Jason.

"He doesn't appear to be nice, but is always sorry at the end!"

One of the attractions of working on *Grandpa* is that Luke acts alongside James Bolam.

"I used to watch him in *New Tricks* and when I am with him I think: 'Oh my God, it's James Bolam!' His wife Susan Jameson is in the show and she's really nice too."

Luke is a pupil at

RSPCA urges: 'Keep dogs on lead.' Second Knap swan death in four months

TWO swans have died in the space of four months at the Knap lake due to dog attacks, the RSPCA believes.

Following the latest incident last week, the RSPCA is appealing to all dog owners in the area to keep their animals on a lead.

An RSPCA spokesman said: "The incident happened on Wednesday, February 10 at about 1.30pm in the Knap Lake area.

"A member of the public witnessed a

white and tan terrier type dog attack the swan. The dog was not on a lead and was accompanied by two young men.

"When eventually the dog left the swan, the bird was losing blood and in distress."

By the time an RSPCA officer arrived the swan had died.

RSPCA inspector Christine McNeil said: "This lake is home to dozens of swans and it is essential that dogs are kept on a lead at all times when around wild

animals and livestock.

"Dog owners must have control of their animals when out in public and we would urge them to act responsibly at all times."

On November 18, a cygnet was attacked by a dog and despite

receiving specialist treatment in Swindon later died.

If anyone knows anything about the incident on February 10 they are asked to call the

RSPCA on 0300 1234 999.

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AM hits out at latest hospital waiting times

COMMENTING on the latest referral to treatment figures, Shadow Health and Social Services Minister, Andrew RT Davies AM is calling on the Assembly Government to ensure that all patients in Wales are treated within 26 weeks of being referred.

Access 2009 set a target that, by December 2009, no patients in Wales would wait more than 26 weeks from GP referral to treatment.

"However, the latest

statistics reveal that of the 227,000 patients waiting to receive treatment, more than 1,600 have been waiting more than 26 weeks.

Vale-based resident and regional AM Andrew RT Davies said: "I am disappointed that these figures are still a reality for so many people."

"Back in October, I expressed concerns that the 26-week referral to treatment target would not be met, and unfortunately this has been confirmed with the release of these latest statistics."

"That more than 500 patients in Wales have been waiting nine

months for treatment is a damning reflection of the failures of this Assembly Government."

"These are key targets, which the Assembly Government has thrown significant resources at achieving, yet despite the fact the Health Minister introduced 'tolerance levels' in August 2009, this is yet another example of Assembly Government goals being missed."

"The Minister must clarify how she intends to build NHS capacity in light of the financial pressures, given WAG's ideology rejecting the use of the private sector," Mr Davies insisted.

Flood relief funding snub 'disappointing'

Conservative candidate for the Vale, Alun Cairns, says he is "disappointed" by news that funding for a flood relief scheme in Boverton has been turned down by the Assembly.

The proposal to install a new culvert at Boverton was submitted by the Vale Council and Mr Cairns, who is also a regional AM, said he had been among those campaigning for the scheme to go ahead.

He will be asking Environment Minister Jane Davidson to explain her decision: "Apart from the houses in Boverton itself,

which have been repeatedly flooded in the past 10 years, there is also a knock-on effect because work cannot be done either to alleviate problems at Ham Manor. No-one has recognised the significance of this scheme."

Mr Cairns revealed he would be meeting campaigners in Llantwit shortly to see what the next move should be.

However, he has welcomed news that funding has been found for flood relief work to be done at Cold Brook Road, Barry: "I am glad that at least one project from the Vale has been successful. This will be good news for the residents in that area," Mr Cairns commented.

Vale AM praises after school club



ABOVE Vale AM Jane Hutt visits the after school club.

VALE AM Jane Hutt visited Wenvoe to see the activities put on by the after school club.

She said: "It was great to join an after school club session at Gwenf School, which is run by a voluntary committee of parents in partnership with the school. The club is extremely popular, with enjoyable activities on offer."

"This quality provision provides after-school childcare for working parents, with the family ethos of the school shining through."

The Tories' choice for Vale mayor

THE Conservative group on the Vale Council has chosen its candidates for Mayor and deputy.

The current deputy mayor, Coun Val Ellis of Cowbridge, has decided not to put her name forward for mayor and instead, the group has chosen Maureen Kelly Owen, of Penarth.

The new deputy mayor being proposed is the veteran Llantwit Major member John Clifford.

'Vale can lead climate battle'

THE VALE can lead the battle in Wales to combat climate change, says Alana Davies, Labour's parliamentary candidate.

"Climate change is undoubtedly one of the biggest threats we are facing. I believe the Vale has the potential to lead the fight here in Wales."

"If elected to Parliament, I will do my bit to make sure that the Vale takes full advantage of technologies that will help us

avoid the most severe impacts of climate change and create jobs for local people."

"I want the Vale to be at the forefront of our transition from unabated coal to cleaner coal. That's why I support Aberthaw Power Station's proposal to lower the carbon intensity of coal generation in the UK by building what would be the UK's biggest carbon dioxide capture pilot project connected to a working power station," she added.

'How to pay for Plaid's pension'

THERE has been a lot of criticism directed at Plaid Cymru's proposal to increase the state pension since we announced the policy last month.

The three main UK parties have all rubbished our intention to lift out of poverty the millions of pensioners that are forced to choose

between heating and eating every winter.

In their clamour to balance the books by cutting public expenditure, these parties have shown their unwillingness to do anything about the scandalous rise in excess winter deaths.

With predictions that fuel tariffs are set to rise over the next decade, it is a national crisis that could get much worse.

Plaid Cymru not only believes a pension rise is ethical but also achievable. At the moment £5.4 billion worth of pensioner credits go unclaimed in the UK.

The scrapping of Trident and the watered-down ID card policy would more than pay for the first phase for those aged 80 and over.

In time, the pension rise could be rolled out to those aged 65 and over through a fair reform of the tax and benefits system so that those who can afford it, pay more.

We realise this pension policy will cost at a time when the budget deficit is at an historic high but we believe the most vulnerable in society should not be made to pay for the actions of a greedy few who have been bailed out with billions of taxpayers' money. To sit back and do nothing would not only be irresponsible but callous.

Chris Franks
(Dinas Powys south Wales Central AM)

Plaid gives backing to local heart initiative

RESIDENTS are being urged to back a campaign to raise money for a national heart charity.

Regional AM Chris Franks dropped by at the British Heart Foundation shop in Barry to encourage locals to make a donation.

Mr Franks is also urging people to good care of themselves after suffering his own heart scare last year, which led to a pacemaker being fitted.

He said: "Coronary heart disease is the single largest cause of death in Wales and accounts for



Regional AM Chris Franks at the British Heart Foundation shop in Barry.

6,000 deaths in this country every year. "The Red for Heart initiative the charity is running will provide

much-needed funds for their campaigning and educational work so I hope it is a huge success."

'End the sand dredging' at Barry - call

CONCERN over sand erosion in Barry has led Vale Conservative candidate Alun Cairns to call for an end to dredging.

Mr Cairns, who has been a long-term opponent of sand dredging in the Bristol Channel, said that traders and residents had recently raised problems with sand erosion on the beach at Barry Island.

He said: "People are fed up with what's occurring and want some positive action."

"There is now a recognition in west Wales of the harm that dredging has done to beaches in Gower, and dredging there is moving away from the coast and further out into the channel."

Mr Cairns said that future dredging applications should either be turned down outright, or be re-located further out to sea to minimise damage done to beaches along the south Wales shoreline.

A full house at AGM

IT WAS 'full house' at the annual general meeting of Dinas Powys Conservatives, held on February 10 at 'Oakfield' Cross Common Road.

Opening the meeting, the chairman, Mr Andy Robertson, thanked branch members for all the help they had given during the past year, in particular Mr and Mrs Henry Stephens, who allowed their home to be used for meetings.

The branch officers are: Chairman, Mr Andy Robertson, secretary, Mr Henry Stephens and treasurer, Coun Robert Foxwell, together with Coun Mrs Margaret Hayley and Mrs Barbara Dean, were unanimously re-elected for the coming year.

Alun Cairns AM, Conservative parliamentary candidate for the Vale of Glamorgan, outlined plans for the general election campaign widely suggested to be held on May 6.

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NEWS FROM YSGOL BRO MORGANNWG

Honours for pupils



DOUBLE HONOURS

CONGRATULATIONS to two year-7 footballers Luke Swain from Penarth and Corey Price from Barry, who have both been selected for international honours.

Both boys from 7G, who play for Cardiff City under-12s, have been chosen as members of the national development squad and meet up for training with other youngsters during the half-term in Trefforest.



LEFT AND ABOVE: The year-9 pupils.

Youth Speaks

YOUNGER pupils from key stage three performed admirably in the recent Youth Speaks competition.

Pictured are Hawys Davies, Rhys James and Lewis Harrison from year-9, who came second in the junior competition, and Owen Young, Robin Tait and Leah Robinson from year-8 who also competed.

Headlands School students see 'democracy in action'



Headteacher Matthew Burns (centre) David Melding AM, Andrew RT Davies AM, and Coun Sophie Williams – with the Penarth pupils at the Senedd.

STUDENTS of Headlands School in Penarth last week visited the National Assembly and met with Welsh Conservative representatives, Coun Sophie Williams and AMs Andrew RT Davies and David Melding.

Sophie Williams and David Melding are also governors of the school. Speaking after the visit, Coun Sophie Williams said: "As a governor at the school, I was delighted to see both students and staff taking an interest in life at the Assembly.

"Students told me they had a very informa-

tive and enjoyable visit to the Assembly, which included a tour of the Senedd and the chamber itself."

Andrew Davies said: "It was a pleasure to welcome students from Headlands School to the National Assembly so they could see democracy in action.

"I believe it's very important for young people to engage in the political process and have a sound understanding of how they are a part of it."

David Melding added: "It was great to see young people taking such an interest in the Assembly, which after

all is here to represent them. I hope that having visited Wales' democratic institution, students from Headlands School will feel encouraged to take part in the political process and contact their elected representatives to ensure that we are effectively representing their views and concerns."

Marie Curie challenge

MARIE CURIE is organising two treks to the top of Snowdon, the highest mountain in Wales.

They will take place on Sunday, June 6 and Saturday, October 2 with each raising money to help terminally ill cancer patients be cared for at home.

Each event will see 200 people participating.

To take part, call Jane Griffiths, community fundraising manager, on 01792 461435 or email jane.griffiths@mariecurie.org.uk

Penarth Computer Club – Constructing your website part 1

IF you have ever done any decorating you will know that the quality of the finished job depends largely on the preparation work before applying the wallpaper or the final coat of paint.

The colour scheme is a matter of personal preference and, frankly, it might not please everybody. The important thing is that the shelves stay on the wall and the paper is the right way up.

Several times during his talk, Chris stressed the same need for preparation when creating a website. The end result depends on the planning.

Thorough preparation can reduce the total time taken to achieve a good result.

We have all seen websites that look terrible and have moved on quickly to something more attractive. Even pretty sites can be difficult to use if they are not arranged sensibly. The beauty is only skin deep, so to speak.

Chris recommends pencil, paper, post-it notes and lots of thought. Why do you want to make it? Is it for business or to pursue a hobby? Who do you want to read it and what

will they want to see? Distinguish between factual information and opinions. How can you make it attractive enough to encourage people to come again?

All these things can be jotted onto post-it notes and the notes shuffled around to play with the layout of the site to give a logical arrangement.

Only then should the computer come into use – initially to establish the storage area for the information to go onto the site.

At some point, you should browse the web to view sites that might inspire you to follow a particular 'look' and lay-out for yours.

If you are not artistic, you should note the colour combinations of background and text. (Readability varies enormously.) Note also that the words you use should suit the reader.

People from the other end of the country might struggle with local expressions. Those from further away even more so. Always be polite, of course.

The process of composing the site should be carried out on your own computer and tested exhaustively before being uploaded onto the web. For this part of the creation, Chris suggests using the FREE web

authoring software Vnu. There is a download link on our developing website at www.penarthcomputerclub.co.uk where you can also look at the slides he displayed.

It is pretty basic at the moment, but should steadily improve as we learn from our mistakes.

Chris will be returning later in the year to answer any queries and to talk about the 'mechanics' of putting

your site onto the web. The programme is also on the site.

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Scrutiny committee rebels over school transport cuts

THE Vale Council cabinet will have to over-rule its own scrutiny committee if it wishes to save cash on school transport for pupils over the age of 16.

On Monday (February 15) the scrutiny committee for education and lifelong learning rebelled and recommended that the council abandon plans to charge for existing school transport.

The council is considering a charge of £250, and points out that the actual cost is between £400 and £500, so the service would still be subsidised, but not to the same degree.

Another option is to discontinue the service and give a travel grant of £250 instead.

With 1,100 post-16 pupils using the service, the council hoped to save around £300,000 by the change in policy.

However, the fact that four representatives of the education sector have voting rights on the scrutiny committee, meant that there was no in-built majority for Conservative members.

One representative votes on behalf of Catholic schools, one on Church-in-Wales schools, and two on behalf of secondaries.

The Conservative

position was further weakened because the committee chairman, Coun John Clifford, was unable to attend.

With an election looming, parliamentary candidates in the Vale were quick to respond. Labour's Alana Davies, who is a cabinet member for education in neighbouring Bridgend, called it a "tax on home-to-school transport for pupils over the age of 16."

She said: "Having attended the lifelong learning scrutiny committee on Monday evening, I was impressed with the eloquence of the speakers who represented schools, governors, pupils and parents in the Vale."

"I hope that the Vale Council cabinet will take into account the very real issues that were raised in Monday's meeting, and accept the recommendation of the scrutiny committee."

The Plaid Cymru candidate, Dr Ian Johnson, said: "The speakers from all of the major schools and colleges were united by their opposition to the plans, which were described as ill-thought through and against the vision of education in Wales, as offering a wide choice of study and supporting aspiration for young people."

However, the

by PHILIP IRWIN

Conservative parliamentary candidate, Alun Cairns, had a very different take on the issue.

He pointed to an amendment to school travel that he had proposed in the Assembly 18 months ago, claiming that if it had not been blocked by Labour and Plaid, the situation would not have arisen.

He said: "I proposed an amendment that would have made it a legal obligation for post-16 school transport to be free of charge."

"The amendment would also have made the Assembly responsible for funding that transport, but it was only supported by the Conservatives and the Lib-Dems."

In a statement, the Vale Council re-iterated that the education department has to find savings of £3 million, and that the £300,000 would make a significant contribution.

The Vale Council's director of learning and development, Bryan Jeffreys, said: "The challenge is clear. In circumstances where the education service is required to find such significant savings, and where there is a commitment to seek to protect schools' budgets

as far as possible, savings from non-statutory services such as post-16 transport, must be pursued."

"Transport for pupils aged over 16 is currently provided free of charge at the discretion of the council whereas, for secondary school pupils aged under 16 living more than three miles from their schools, there is a statutory requirement to provide free transport."

He argued that the financial position for councils in Wales was "dire", saying: "The overall savings target is detailed in the Medium Term (Three-Year) Financial Plan agreed by the council cabinet in July, 2009."

"This outlines the intended approach to address the need for significant savings in response to the dire position of public sector finances in Wales."

"Actual budgets are set on an annual basis by full council and, for 2010/2011, this will be at a meeting of the authority on March 3."

"The work of scrutiny committees, including the discussion on Monday, will inform the final decisions. Other factors which will be taken into account include consideration of cost pressures, potential areas for savings, the

Welsh Assembly Government settlement and council tax options."

Mr Jeffreys added: "The scrutiny committee process has enabled the views of parents, schools, governors and students to be expressed, and these will be considered by cabinet before any decision is taken."

Coun Gwyn John contacted The GEM to say that young people in his ward had the furthest to travel, particularly those going to St Richard Gwyn and then on to St David's College, Cardiff, in the sixth form.

He said: "For so long, all political parties have regarded education as a priority, so the Llantwit First Independents will be opposing this plan."

He explained that the

Report details town hall budget problems

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

The Vale Council's own officers were also working on the project and, adding up their hours, the report costs their efforts at another £211,000.

In fact, the report confirms that "An allocation for internal project management time and sufficient external consultant time was not included in the original September 2002 budget."

Although the Barry Town Hall project did change in some details over the years, the total cost of the consultants certainly surprised Coun Moore.

He said: "It is a surprising figure, and there is another problem with the way the consultants were employed."

He explained that the

report confirmed that the consultants were not paid on an hourly basis, or on a fixed-price contract, but received a percentage of the cost of the project. In effect, as costs rose on the scheme, so did the consultants' pay.

He said: "It is hard to see how there was any incentive to keep the costs down."

The Vale Council's director of Finance, ICT and Property, Sian Davies, said: "The council is always seeking to improve procurement and project management issues in respect of major schemes and, as recently as November, the cabinet agreed a series of measures aimed at further improvements in this sphere across the authority."

"The council recognises that careful and

regular analysis, monitoring and reporting of capital projects is essential and this is exemplified by the authority's good track record in relation to its success with a number major projects over recent years."

The report also revealed that the "phase 2 main works contract" went £1.3 million over budget, coming in at £7.66 million.

Phase 1, the "enabling works" during the initial stages, came to £920,000.

Fitting out costs inside the building were £493,000, while building security from 2003 to 2005 came to £107,000.

Also, highway works associated with the project, including a Puffin Crossing and bus shelters, came to £98,000.

History society hears talk on family history of the Butes

PENARTH Local History Society met on February 11, at the All Saints Church Lesser Hall where a minute's silence was observed for the recent loss of committee member Mr Peter Kearon, who will be sadly missed by all at the PLHS.

The society welcomed the return of popular historian Mr Richard Britton, who gave a talk

on Margaret and Colum Crichton-Stuart, eldest and youngest children of the 3rd Marquis of Bute.

Margaret was born in 1875 and became an acclaimed yachtswoman, sailing the *Ladybird*. She was also a highly decorated lady before becoming a Justice of the Peace.

She married Sir Colin MacRae in 1909; the couple later set up a factory making artificial limbs for casualties of

the Great War. Margaret was indeed a lady ahead of her time. She died at the age of 88 in 1964.

Colum Edmund was born in 1886 and educated at Oxford University before marrying Elizabeth Caroline Hope in 1940.

He became a 2nd Lieutenant in the Scots Guards, later becoming an MP for Nantwich between 1922 and 1945. He was also a JP and held the office of Lord

Lieutenant of Bute between 1953 and 1957. He died in 1957 aged 71.

The PLHS will hold its social evening on February 22 at the All Saints Lesser Hall at 7.30pm. This event is open to members and their invited guests.

The next open meeting is on March 10, when Oxford historian and author, Mark Davies, will return to talk on town and gown.

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OBITUARY - NINO HAYNES (1929-2010)

Proud Frenchwoman whose courage was inspiring

GENEVIEVE (Nino) Haynes, who spent many years of her married life in Llanblethian and Cowbridge, has died after a long fight against incurable cancer, aged 80.

She was a singularly gifted, modest and deeply valued member of the community. Nino and her husband, George Haynes, spent a large part of their 55 years together in their elegant home and garden in Llanblethian with its distinctly French influences.

Nino was born a Parisienne in 1929. Her life was colourful, creative and imaginative but fraught with danger in her formative years, for she was a mere 10-year-old when the invading German armies occupied her beloved capital city.

Her unusual nickname was bestowed on her by her mother who exclaimed "My little Nino" when she was born, using the Italian slang word for child or kid. The family had no Italian links, but the nickname stuck ever after.

Her family were heavily involved in the Resistance movement on the outbreak of World War Two. At one point her uncle, an air force colonel and head of a local Maquis, hid in her parents' home.

Early in the occupation, when the invaders were rounding up French and foreign citizens in their thousands, many of whom were never to be seen again, she was returning home one day



Nino Haynes, pictured with her granddaughter, Georgia.

from school to witness her father being led away in handcuffs by the Gestapo.

He was taken to the Cherche Midi Prison, now demolished, where he was held and interrogated for several weeks – thankfully to be released later so that he could return to his contracting business.

In ways almost akin to the story of Oscar Schindler, Robert Loiseau had doctored the records of his employees so that most became described as unskilled labourers, rather than the skilled staff they actually were, thus sparing them from being deported to forced labour camps in Germany and Poland where so many perished in the pitiless conditions they were forced to endure.

It was an episode which became etched into Nino Haynes' memory – a dark and painful chapter that remained with her for the rest of her life.

The privations suffered by the citizens of Paris during the occupation make painful reading in the record of that period when the population almost starved.

Nino recalled one Christmas when the family sat round the dinner table with only a tin of sardines to share among them.

After school, she obtained a degree in oriental languages and for a

quickly she was accepted into the local community, where she made so many lifetime friendships.

She readily involved herself with numerous organisations, as well as actively supporting charities such as Save the Children and Tenovus.

She became involved in cultural life as a Friend of Friendless Churches, a Friend of the Victoria and Albert Museum and also the National Museum of Wales, with whom she ventured on organised trips in Britain and abroad.

Her incurable cancer was first diagnosed 17 years ago with a prognosis of four years as an outside expectancy of life. The rareness of her illness meant that there was only one place in the country offering palliative treatment, the Department of Nuclear Medicine at the Royal Free in London.

Later she expressed confidence and gratitude for the care she received in Velindre Hospital, Cardiff. Her fortitude and will to live gained her much admiration from doctors and medical staff alike.

She expressed two final wishes: to die at home and not alone – a desire she achieved in the early hours of February 5, surrounded by her loving family.

She is survived by her husband, her son Steven, her daughter Valerie and five grandchildren.

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The GEM joins in extending deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs Haynes.

Flower arranging

PRACTICAL flower arranging sessions will continue to be held in the Village Hall, St Hilary at 7pm on the last Friday of every month until May 28. Everyone welcome.

For further information, contact Lorraine on 01446 772713.

Alpha in St Hilary

THERE will be an introductory Alpha dinner party in St Hilary village hall at 7.15pm on March 25.

"Alpha is an opportunity to explore and discuss the Christian faith in a relaxed setting over 10 thought-provoking weekly sessions. It is designed primarily for people who aren't churchgoers and is open to everyone who would like to attend," said a spokesman.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL
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Art classes
THE art classes held in the Treoes village hall on Wednesday have proved successful.

Community centre
THE new committee at St Mary Hill-Llangan communi-

ty centre will be holding a social evening on **S a t u r d a y**, February 20 at 7pm.

Admission is free.

St Canna's church
S A T U R D A Y, February 20, Lent groups at Fferm

THE local produce market is at the church hall, St Brides Major on Saturday, February 20, together with coffee and chat.

THE Ladies Thursday Club once again enjoyed a talk by Joyce James of Writers Circle, Bridgend, who told of her experiences when visiting Orlando.

THE Saturday coffee morning at the church hall on February 13 served special treats for St Valentine's Day. ON Shrove Tuesday,

there was a right royal evening at the church hall with music of various military bands and a tour (by slides) of Buckingham Palace and gardens.

THE Vale Council has again been informed off the on-going state of

roads and pavements along the B4265, with straw being swept off bales by overhanging trees. Results of complaints by residents are being awaited.

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COMMUNITY NEWS**ST BRIDES MAJOR**

Your local correspondent is Patricia Bevan-Morgan (01656) 880418

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Richard's talk is entitled 'Wildlife Conservation in the Vale. Admission to the lecture (and refreshments) free. Members and prospective members warmly welcomed.

Wildlife conservation

THE Llantwit Major Horticultural Society will meet on February 24 at 7.30pm in Llantwit Hall, when the guest speaker is Richard Marks, a wildlife photographer and conservationist from Ewenny.

Richard's talk is entitled 'Wildlife Conservation in the Vale. Admission to the lecture (and refreshments) free. Members and prospective members warmly welcomed.

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BITE OF THE WOLFMAN IS MORE LIKE A NIBBLE!

IN Hollywood, the word 'delay' more often than not means 'failure'; should a big-budget film suffer from the dreaded case of having its release date moved back, the first impression is of a studio trying to salvage a modest success from an impending disaster.

The Wolfman certainly fits this category, having already seen director Mark Romanek leave the project, due to 'artistic differences', and be replaced by *Jurassic Park 3* director Joe Johnson.

Given that the film was due to be released in the latter part of 2008, it finally makes its bow on the big screen.

Benicio Del Toro plays Lawrence Talbot, an actor who returns to his family home for a stilted confrontation with his estranged father (Anthony Hopkins), upon learning of his brother's disappearance and subsequent death at the hands of a mysterious creature.

Vowing to his brother's fiancée (Emily Blunt) that he will find whoever is responsible for his brother's death, Talbot is attacked by the mysterious creature, and as family secrets come out into the open, he begins to undergo some drastic changes...

Given the acting pedigree on offer, and a director who may not be 'A list' but is more than capable of delivering the goods when required, *The Wolfman* showed a lot of promise, delays or no delays.

However, the end product is one that is severely lacking, feeling like the amalgamation of many different visions, but without a strong enough through point to really grab (or should that be bite) the viewer.

In monster-movie lore, the Wolfman character is highly regarded, so any attempt to bring the story to modern day audiences would be burdened with an element of pressure in attempting to match the feel of the original, yet director Joe Johnson achieves something approximating that feeling.

Being somewhat of a B-movie director par excellence (his previous credits include *Jumanji* and *The Rocketeer*) he brings that schlocky sensibility here, giving the film a nice edge of tension and using all the tricks in the book to elicit scares.

The film is visually superb, the period attention detail wonderful, and Johnson lenses the film with a strong eye for genre convention.

What he does less successfully (though more as a result of the script) is create any real sequences of note. When the Wolfman finally lets loose, there is the pre-

dictable mixture of limbs being torn off and blood being splattered, but a London-set chase aside, there is little that truly gets the blood pumping, or uses the character particularly well.

He is given a cast that most directors would bite their own arm off for, but yet again a mixture of script and Johnson's reputation for visuals, means that while no-one embarrasses themselves, nobody really distinguishes themselves either.

Considering this was his pet project (he is listed as one of the film's producers), Benicio Del Toro is surprisingly muted in the lead role.

The actor brings a degree of class and quality to the majority of the work he is involved in, and the same can be said here, but the character of Talbot is only fitfully explored throughout the film.

There is a perfunctory mention of a troubled childhood, but the real meat of the story is the troubled relationship with his father, which really leaves you wanting more.

Similarly, we spend plenty of time waiting for Talbot's transformation, but when it comes, there is little insight into what is going on in his mind in the aftermath of his transformation as he contemplates the rising body count.

It's a small point, but one that would add depth to the film and it's a shame that Del Toro, as a good an actor as he is, isn't allowed the opportunity to do more with it.

While Anthony Hopkins attacks his character with all the relish of a starving man with a T-bone steak, his portrayal is too broad and exuberant for the tone of the film, feeling a little out of place and, at times, a little too silly for the character's good.

His sparring with Del Toro is easily the best parts of the film, yet there isn't enough of them to really bring out the best in the actor.

Emily Blunt does no harm to her burgeoning reputation with a pleasing, if a little one-note, performance as the woman who finds herself falling for Talbot, while Hugo Weaving turns in a superb cameo as the detective investigating the spate of murders; with a raised eyebrow here, he plays it with a twinkle in his eye and the performance is all the better for it.

All the hard work from Johnson and the cast, however, is undone by a script that has two credited writers in Andrew Kevin Walker and David Self, yet has the fingerprints of at least half a dozen more all over it.

Given such tonally uneven material, a family drama infused with blood and guts for the less-than-discerning horror fan, it is little wonder

that *The Wolfman* finds itself floundering, and the murky story arcs and lack of depth simply add to the film's woes. It shows potential in places, but ultimately this is a film that is severely lacking in bite!

VERDICT - A weak mish-mash of a film that is testament to the theory that too many cooks spoil a broth, *The Wolfman* is somewhat of a letdown.

The direction and performances only really fizz intermittently, and while it captures the tone of the genre well, it doesn't work when all put together. **Poor.**

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

GWYNFA CAMERA CLUB NEWS

Maximum scores for local photographers in tourney

TWO Gwynfa Camera Club photographers achieved maximum scores of 20 points in the Vale Photographic Print Challenge for both of their entries.

They were 'De Schell Molen Damme' by Gary Were; and 'Intimidation' by Alec Stewart. A special award was also made to Alec for the best colour print entry in the competition.

Seven camera clubs including Barry, Bridgend, Gwynfa (Llantrisant), Merthyr Tydfil,

Pyle and Porthcawl, Rhondda, and the Vale, were invited to compete in a seven-way annual photographic challenge.

Each club submitted eight entries. The chosen prints were already winners or highly-graded entries from home club in-house competitions.

The judge was Tony Byram.

The overall winners were first, Bridgend Camera Club with 138 points.

Gwynfa Camera Club were a very close second place, with 137 points.

In third place. 13 points

adrift, were Rhondda Camera Club with 124 points.

The contest this year was hosted by The Vale Camera Club and was held at the Community Hall, Ystradowen.

Gwynfa exhibition

The Gwynfa Camera Club annual photographic print exhibition will be held at the Church Village Life Long Learning Centre, Church Village, near Pontypridd from March 1 to March 18.

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Barry boys outward bound with the Urdd



The group at Llangrannog.

SIXTEEN Barry Comprehensive School pupils from year-7 and year-8 recently spent a week at the Urdd residential camp at Llangrannog.

This was the first time that a mixed year group had gone to Llangrannog together. During the residential adventure week, the boys took part in many sports, language and culture activities.

After the long journey, the boys appreciated a walk to the beach

and spent time searching the caves and looking at the well-known rock formation 'Trwyn Bica' (Bica's nose).

The boys tried archery, trampolining, a rope assault course, skiing, tobogganing, quad biking, go-carting and swimming.

They also spent time at the new equine centre, where they learned how to ride and lead a horse, as well as how to groom and care for the animals.

During each day, they had Welsh language lessons, where the children

learned useful words and phrases, which they then used to speak with the staff and other teachers at the camp.

The highlights of the week were the competitions against teams from other schools. Barry came a respectable second out of 11 teams in the science competition, and two of the Barry teams were awarded joint first place out of 14 teams in the quiz evening. Da iawn, bechyn!!

F1 team triumphs



RIGHT: The BCS Racing team with their marketing and merchandise display.

A TEAM of Barry Comprehensive School students triumphed in the recent South Wales Regional Finals of the 'F1 in Schools' challenge by taking overall victory in the Formula 1 class.

Students star in a training video



Lights, camera, teach! – the film crew proved to be no distraction from the innovative and stimulating lessons.

ESTYN, the school's inspection body in Wales, will be introducing a new inspection process for all schools from September 2010.

Barry Comprehensive School were recently asked to let a film crew visit the school. The aim was to produce training videos of excellent lessons which were to be shown to inspectors.

Four lessons were filmed in different curriculum areas and the results pleased the ESTYN representative, who praised the staff involved for delivering such innovative and stimulating lessons.

The team, named 'BCS Racing', comprising Jon Scott, James Cosgrove, Gareth Crapnell, Stefanos Grigorio, Alex Parker and Jack McCabe also won the fastest car award with the time 1.826 seconds on a 20-metre test track.

The team now progress to the UK National finals of this global competition in the F1 class at the Auto Sport International Show. The winners of the UK National competition will progress to the world championship in Singapore.

The competition challenges students to design, construct and race a racing car of the future, made from a block of balsa wood, and powered by a compressed air canister.

The car is raced over a 20-metre track and the fastest time is recorded. Aside from the on-track action, teams also produce supporting evidence of their design, develop a sponsorship and marketing campaign, and produce team merchandise. All these elements are presented with their race car at the regional finals. AC

Forum hears story of Great War battles

BARRY Men's Forum welcomed local historian, Gavin Davies, who gave illustrated talks on two World War battles.

They were given in reverse order, commencing with the Battle of Messines, which was launched in the early hours of June 7, 1917, and described as the most successful battle of the Western Front.

It commenced with the detonation of 19 underground mines, beneath German lines on the Messines Ridge.

The mines left massive craters and the explosions, followed by infantry attacks, to secure the ridge, supported by artillery bombardment, tanks and the use of gas, killed in the order of 10,000 German troops.

The success of the battle, was a boost to the morale of the Allied troops. In contrast, back to 1916 was the Battle of

Mametz woods, involving Welsh troops from the 38th (Welsh) Division and 14th Welsh Battalion.

During the early days of the Battle of the Somme, orders were issued to secure the woods at Mametz.

This began on July 7, 1916; the Welsh troops negotiating uphill terrain, over open ground, faced by enemy artillery and machine-gun fire.

By July 12, there were 4,000 plus Welsh troops killed or wounded before the wood was effectively cleared of the enemy.

As a lasting tribute to the 38th Division a "Red Dragon" memorial has been erected.

The speaker on February 18 is Anne Rodgers, who continues her talk on the life of Lady Charlotte Guest.

New members are welcomed. Telephone 029 20 594881 for further information.

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Technique's challenge for passengers



Caption Testing heartbeat?

CHILDREN from Oakfield Primary School in Barry officially opened the new hands-on Technique exhibit in the Cardiff Airport departure lounge.

"The exhibit is intended to appeal to all ages with the 'Garden Gate', 'Slow Bubbles' and 'Plasma Q' exhibits all proving popular with Oakfield Primary School and the accompanying adults," a spokeswoman said.

Rosa is looking for a new home

ROSA, an 18 months old Golden Retriever in the care of the Dogs Trust, is looking for a caring new owner.

She has severe hip dysplasia and is on restricted exercise and medication at the Bridgend rehoming centre.

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manner. She needs a home without children. She will need regular short, gentle walks and lots of fun things to do to stimulate her mind and keep her occupied.

"She would love to live with other dogs. In the right home and with correct handling she will make a rewarding companion," the centre adds. Telephone. Dog's Trust Bridgend, 01656 725219.

Eyes down at the revision weekend



A science revision session under way.

BARRY Comprehensive School's year-11 revision weekend moved venue this year to the Park Inn Hotel, Llanedeyrn, but once again provided a brilliant and intense study experience for students.

Fifty-three year-11 students and 20 staff spent all day Saturday and Sunday morning working on study and revision skills.

All of the sessions were well received by the

students who remained well focussed and very well behaved throughout the weekend.

They all appreciated the excellent facilities offered by The Park Inn Hotel and the time and effort put in by the staff.

The key themes of the weekend were 'Take Control of Your Own Learning and Your Own Success' and 'Finishing Strong'. The school hopes that all the students present have taken on board the advice given and will put it to good practice in the coming months.

Looking at the well known rock formation 'Trwyn Bica' (Bica's nose).

Senior citizens enjoy their community get-together!

DESPITE inclement weather, more than 50 elderly people enjoyed an Epiphany lunch for senior citizens at Porthkerry and Rhooose at Rhooose Community Centre.

Members of St Peter's Church, Rhooose and St Curig's Church, Porthkerry, together with help from the wider community, arranged the day. The Reverend David Treharne, Vicar of Porthkerry and Rhooose, said: "It was a real community effort and lovely to see church and non-church people working effectively together to pull off such a lovely event for the more mature members of our community."

He thanked all those who had helped at the



event, including Explorer Scouts, who "were exceptional in setting up, washing and clearing away and several church and community volunteers who prepared and served a very tasty

meal." Donations received on the day are going towards the St Curig's Church restoration fund and other nominated church charities.

ABOVE: Senior citizens enjoy their meal at Rhooose Community Centre..

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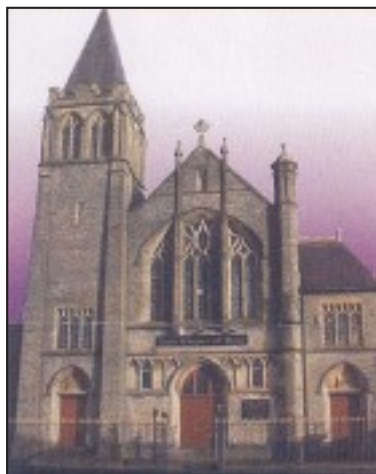
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## Hearing Aid Solutions can provide an innovative service

**A** HEARING aid specialist has opened up a new outlet in a GP surgery in the Vale.

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The company will be operating on an appointment-only basis at New Surgery, Heol-y-Groes in Pencoed, and Cowbridge & Western Vale Group Medical Practice at the Llantwit Major Clinic.

Managing director Martyn Scott, explained: "One of the main reasons for our expansion is because a lot of centres are too far away for people to reach."

"We wanted to make hearing advice and our services more accessible. GP surgeries are usually on a bus route or easy to get to and they are also familiar surroundings for many of our customers."

Mr Scott pointed out that as people get older, they were more likely to seek treatment.

"It's shocking but 40 per cent of people over 50 have some kind of hearing loss and this rises to more than 70 per cent of over-70s."

"We also know that people live with hearing difficulties for between 10 to 15 years before seeking help."

"We believe that our extended presence within GP surgeries will raise more awareness of hearing-related issues and encourage people to take advantage of our free

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Social services care staff at both the Vale of Glamorgan and Cardiff Councils had heard these worries from carers they work with, and they decided to do something to help.

As a result, they decided to introduce 'Carers Emergency Cards', credit-sized cards that carers carry at all times. If something should happen to a carer, such as an accident or sudden illness, the card alerts the emergency services that there is someone who relies on them who cannot manage without help.

The person finding the card in the carer's purse or wallet can telephone the number on the card and quote the card's number.

Social services will hold emergency contact details, taken when the carer registers for the scheme, and with a brief phone call can arrange

help for the person who is looked after.

Coun Dorothy Turner, of the Vale Council, said: "The Carers Emergency Card is a joint initiative between the Vale Council and Cardiff Council.

"We've introduced the scheme in direct response to carers telling us that one of their biggest concerns is what would happen to the person they care for if they are not around."

All carers need to do is register the details of the person they care for, and give the council contacts for up to three people who are willing and able to stand in for the carer in an emergency.

If they do not have people to stand in for them, the local social services teams will be alerted and they can make arrangements.

If you provide support to a family member or friend who has an illness or disability, then you are a carer, and you may be eligible to register for an emergency card.

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● £2000: 305317.  
The rollover, which now stands at £2,500 was not claimed this week.

● £10: 259989; 278893; 596439; 311362; 160294; 342872; 572010; 393252; 553577; 354336; 478053; 177864; 732663.

● £5: 811287; 586383; 440907; 542607; 504469; 739541; 382475; 451734; 103796; 811287; 586142; 693145; 816767; 757073; 814514; 763692; 158950; 469772.

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For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

## PACT meetings

**BARUC & ILLTYD** joint PACT surgery will be held at the Park Parlour Grocery store, Park Crescent Barry, on February 23, between 10am-1pm.

**ST HILARY coffee and chat meeting**, St Hilary Village Hall, February 19, at 11am.

**PETERSTON Cuppa with a Copper meeting**, The Three Horseshoes Public House, on March 9, at 11.30am.

**STANWELL 'Cuppa with a Copper' meeting**, Elfed Avenue Church on February 22, between 10.30am-12.30pm.

**CORNERSWELL** street surgery outside Tennyson Road Shops, February 23, between 2pm-4pm.

**LLANDOUGH** street surgery outside Llandough Primary School, February 24, between 3pm-4pm.

**PLYMOUTH** street surgery in the clifftops car park, February 25, between 3pm-5pm.

**DINAS POWYS PACT** public meeting, Bethesda Hall, March 8, at 7pm.

## Album stamp winners

THE winners of our recent 'Classic Album Stamps' competition were:

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For further information, contact Joe on (01446) 421782 or visit [www.vyb.org.uk](http://www.vyb.org.uk)

## Vale AM's surgeries

**VALE** Assembly Member Jane Hutt will be holding two surgeries on Saturday (February 20) at Celtic Way Community Centre, Rhosce, CF62

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No appointment is necessary. Contact 01446 740981 for more information.

## Meet the priest

**THE 10am service in Barry this Sunday (February 21) at the Church of St Paul will be taken by Rev Roy Dosey, Rector of St German, in Adamsdown, Cardiff.**

Father Dosey's life as a priest has included serving in the poorest and most deprived parts of Africa and also as chaplain at an English public school.

Meanwhile, Rector of St Paul's, Father Robert Parish, will be travelling to Cardiff to take the morning service at St Germans.

## WHAT'S ON

### Valeways winter walks

**WALK the Penarth Millennium Trail Circular on Sunday, February 21, at 2pm, starting at the Six Bells, Penarth.**

On February 23 at 1.30pm, Penarth Cliff top to Lavernock, starting at the Penarth Cliff top car park.

**Coffee morning** The Mayor of the Vale is holding a coffee morning for the National Coastwatch at Nell's Point.

It is being held at the Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, on Tuesday, February 23, from 10.30am-12noon.

**Fairtrade talk** BRIDGEND welcomes

a Fairtrade coffee producer from Uganda at a coffee tasting evening on February 24 at 7.30pm.

Sambazi Sarah Wetaki will speak on the benefits Fairtrade has brought to her community, at Pyle Co-op Fairtrade coffee bar.

**Crime prevention** THE neighbouring Big Screen policing team for Penarth is to hold a

crime prevention surgery in the town centre on Wednesday, February 24, which will offer advice on improving vehicle security and other crime prevention measures.

The surgery will be set up in a special trailer which will be parked on Stanwell Road near the HSBC bank. It will run from 2pm-5pm when officers will be on hand to offer advice on how to keep your vehicles and homes safe and secure.

**Big Screen** presentation is *Coco* before Chanel (Cert 12A) which will be shown on Thursday, February 25 at 7.30pm in Cowbridge Town Hall.

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NEW PRICE £174,950



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NEW PRICE £182,500



**Blackberry Drive, Barry**  
Larger style detached home, 3 bedrooms & 2 receptions, kitchen & conservatory, wc, en-suite & bathroom, gas CH & UPVC DG, front & rear gardens.  
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NEW £195,000



**Liscum Way, Barry**  
Stunning 3 bed semi, lounge & conservatory, fabulous kitchen, bathroom & shower, gas CH & UPVC DG, No Chain, gardens drive & garage.  
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NEW PRICE £229,950



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NEW PRICE £239,950



**Merthyr Dylan Road, Barry**  
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NEW £284,950



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NEW £79,950



**Havant Close, Rhooose**  
1st floor flat, sea views, lounge & 2 double bedrooms, kitchen & walk in cupboard, bathroom & separate wc, UPVC DG, electric heating, allocated parking, No Chain  
Call Andrew on 01446 713001

NEW PRICE £84,950



**Romilly Road, Rhooose**  
1st floor flat 1 of 6, 2 bedrooms & living room, sep kitchen/breakfast room, modern double shower room, UPVC DG, electric heating, communal gardens and parking.  
Call Andrew on 01446 713001

NEW £99,950



**Ceri Road, Rhooose**  
Modern link, 2 beds, living room, kitchen/breakfast room, 1st floor bathroom, UPVC DG, electric heating, front & rear gardens.  
Call Andrew on 01446 713001

£142,950



**Beaufort Way, Rhooose**  
3 bed detached house, lounge/diner & conservatory, kitchen, refitted shower room, gas CH & UPVC DG, No Chain, Gardens, Drive & Parking.  
Call Andrew on 01446 713001

£189,950



**Channel Close, Rhooose**  
Superb detached house, 3 beds & 2 recep, kitchen & large utility, refitted bathroom/wc, gas CH & UPVC DG, gardens & garage.  
Call Andrew on 01446 713001

NEW £199,950



**Wesley Avenue, Rhooose**  
Superb 3 bed semi bungalow, lounge, kitchen & utility/breakfast room, refitted bathroom/shower, gas CH & UPVC DG, No Chain, gardens, drive & garage.  
Call Andrew on 01446 71300

NEW £229,950



**Mayflower Way, Rhooose**  
Stunning detached house, 4 bedrooms & 2 receptions, conservatory, cloaks, en-suite & bathroom, UPVC DG & gas CH, 2 car drive, gardens & garage.  
Call Andrew on 01446 713001

NEW £249,950



**Porfa Ballas, Rhooose Point**  
Modern detached, 4 beds & 2 recep, kitchen/family room, en-suite off 18' bedroom, UPVC DG and gas CH, 2 car drive, garden and garage.  
Call Andrew on 01446 713001

NEW £430,000



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Legal, Public Protection and

Housing Department

Civic Offices Holton Road,

Barry CF63 4RU or

**Newydd Housing Association**

121 Broad Street, Barry CF62 7AL

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**CLOS LLAWHADEN, BARRY**

H4U Reference 1038148

**Suitable for a family**

- Two-bedroom house
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Enclosed rear garden
- Parking

**Rent £71.44** per week including service charge

**CLOS YR HARBWR, BARRY**

H4U Reference 989531

**Suitable for a family**

- Two-bedroom house
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Enclosed rear garden
- Parking

**Rent £72.49** per week including service charge

**CRAWSHAY CT, LLANTWIT MJR**

H4U Reference 234194

**Suit. for a single person or couple over 60 – no pets**

- One-bedroom flat
- First floor (lift)
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Warden and alarm

**Rent £89.79** pw inc alarm service and water charges

**CWRT MELIN Y RHOS, BARRY**

H4U Reference 1038739

**Suit. for a single person or couple over 40 – no pets**

- One bedroom flat
- First floor
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Communal entrance
- Parking

**Rent £66.82** per week including service charge

**DEVON AVENUE, BARRY**

H4U Reference 207270

**Suitable for a family with 4 plus children**

- Four-bed parlour house
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Gardens

**Rent £91.96** per week including water charges

**EDWARD STREET, BARRY**

H4U Reference 208913

**Suit. for a single person, couple or small family – no pets**

- Two-bedroom flat
- First floor
- Central heating
- Double glazing

**Rent £68.45** per week including service charges

**FAIROAKS, DINAS POWYS**

H4U Reference 230693

**Suit. for a single person or couple over 60 – no pets**

- One-bedroom flat
- First floor
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Community alarm & wrdn

**Rent £90.06** pw inc alarm service and water charges

**HANOVER COURT, DINAS POWYS**

H4U Reference 1038080

**Suit. for a single person or couple over 60 (55 with medical needs)**

- Two-bedroom flat
- First floor
- Manager and alarm

**Rent £98.59** per week including service charges

**HARVEY STREET, BARRY**

H4U Reference 981890

**Suitable for a single person or couple**

- One-bedroom house
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Enclosed rear garden

**Rent £63.11** per week including service charge

**HERITAGE DRIVE, BARRY**

H4U Reference 1038728

**Suitable for a family**

- Two-bedroom house
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Enclosed rear garden
- Parking

**Rent £71.37** per week including service charge

**MAGELLAN CLOSE, BARRY**

H4U Reference 1038739

**Suitable for a family**

- Two-bedroom house
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Enclosed rear garden
- Parking

**Rent £66.82** per week including service charge

**MANORBIER COURT, BARRY**

H4U Reference 215538

**Suitable for a family**

- Three-bedroom house
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Gardens

**Rent £84.16** per week including water charges

**OWAIN COURT, ST ATHAN**

H4U Reference 249321

**Suit. for a single person or couple over 55 – no pets**

- Two-bedroom flat
- First floor
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Community alarm

**Rent £77.07** pw including alarm and service charges

**PLASSEY HOUSE, PENARTH**

H4U Reference

**Suitable for a single person over 55 – no pets**

- Studio apartment
- First floor
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Community alarm

**Rent £74.21** pw including service and alarm charges

**POWIS VIEW, BARRY**

H4U Reference 1038502

**Suitable for a mature person or family over 40**

- Two-bed flat (no pets)
- Ground floor (with steps)
- Central heating
- Double glazing

**Rent £64.72** per week plus £8.45 service chg

**SHAKESPEARE ROAD, BARRY**

H4U Reference 223030

**Suitable for a family**

- Three-bedroom house
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Gardens

**Rent £83.61** per week including water charges

**ST DONATS CLOSE, LLANTWIT MJR**

H4U Reference 1038693

**Suit. for a single person or couple over 60 (55 with medical needs)**

- One-bedroom flat
- First floor
- Manager and alarm

**Rent £63.32** per week including service charges

**FEEDBACK**

| Address         | Bids | Band   | Reg.     |
|-----------------|------|--------|----------|
| Cae Canol       | 112  | Gold   | 09/10/08 |
| Chesterfield St | 70   | Gold   | 21/12/09 |
| College Fields  | 71   | Gold   | 19/08/09 |
| Columbus Close  | 100  | Gold   | 30/04/09 |
| Court Road      | 36   | Gold   | 05/08/09 |
| Crawshay Court  | 8    | Silver | 26/10/09 |
| Crawshay Drive  | 18   | Gold   | 16/10/08 |
| Dylan Crescent  | 24   | Gold   | 15/10/09 |
| Gower Court     | 12   | Silver | 29/03/07 |
| Gwenog Court    | 7    | Bronze | 23/01/08 |
| Lennox Green    | 15   | Silver | 05/08/09 |
| Montgomery Rd   | 107  | Gold   | 13/10/08 |
| North Walk      | 11   | Silver | 22/12/05 |
| Pendine Close   | 33   | Gold   | 24/08/09 |
| Severn Avenue   | 13   | Silver | 10/11/09 |
| Ty Gwenfo       | 9    | Gold   | 08/12/09 |
| Whitewell Road  | 90   | Gold   | 27/04/09 |
| Winstone Road   | 36   | Gold   | 07/08/08 |

**ST GARMON ROAD, PENARTH**

H4U Reference 1038706

**Suitable for a family**

- Two-bedroom house
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Enclosed rear garden
- Parking

**Rent £68.20** per week including service charge

**ST GOVANS CLOSE, BARRY**

H4U Reference 225105

**Suit. for a single person or couple over 55 – no pets**

- One-bedroom flat
- Ground floor
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Community alarm

**Rent £71.71** pw including alarm and service charges

**TENNYSON ROAD, BARRY**

H4U Reference 251661

**Suitable for a family**

- Three-bedroom house
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Gardens

**Rent £87.18** per week including water charges

**TENSING TERRACE, BARRY**

H4U Reference 225882

**Suit. for a single person or couple over 55 – no pets**

**Not suit for mobility probs**

- One-bedroom flat (GF)
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Community alarm

**Rent £83.61** pw including alarm and service charges

**WINCHESTER CLOSE, BARRY**

H4U Reference 228511

**Suitable for a family**

- Three-bedroom house
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Gardens

**Rent £89.79** per week including water charges

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## PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS NEWS

## Walkers gather at 'the slaughter' where Eric Bloodaxe joined battle

**E**LEVEN walkers joined Joy and Bracken for a trip up to Christchurch on an overcast morning with no wind or signs of rain.

A short downhill track led them into Highmeadow Woods and turning east, they followed the well-trodden path towards Broom Hill before descending into the Wye Gorge.

A shout of 'horse' went up as one lady rider approached from behind and carefully picked her way down the rough forestry path and after greetings from both sides, went on ahead.

They emerged onto the valley floor just east of the Biblins suspension bridge, where the River Wye was looking peaceful, and trod the river bank.

In the 10th century, Eric Bloodaxe, leader of a Viking band, landed at Beachley, near the Severn Bridge at the old Aust ferry-crossing. His band raped and pillaged their way to Symonds Yat, camping on high land so they could see an approaching Saxon army and a bloody battle ensued where many men were killed – and this is why this river bank is known as 'The Slaughter'.

The long winding Wye gorge was formed when the sea level was 600-foot higher. Following the Ice Age, it became warmer and the ice melted, so that when the sea level dropped, the river cut through the rock, leaving a raised



ABOVE: The River Wye below Yat Rock.

platform known as the Yat Rock.

A steep climb followed, leading to the road just below the Yat Rock and descending for a short distance, they re-entered woodland by two old limestone kilns.

Passing a bank full of snowdrops below a small cottage perched in the hillside, they climbed across a fallen tree, only to discover the path was completely blocked by several other trees, which meant another climb to get around them.

Struggling up a steep bank, they were met by a slippery slope leading downhill and the peaceful leafless trees of the Wye gorge were resounding with laughter as four walkers lost their footing and collapsed in a heap in the mud, but thankfully were uninjured!

Following the old disused Wye railway line for a short distance, they crossed a stile which led them uphill through fields below Rosemary Topping. Climbing steadily, they reached a lane that led up to English Bicknor.

Recorded as a hamlet in 1066, the village is located around the Norman church dedicated to St Mary which unusually, is situated within the outer courtyard of an ancient motte and bailey castle, and made the perfect stop for a lunch break.

Moving on, they passed Bicknor Court, an imposing house some 400-years old – which is for sale – before dropping steeply by lane into the valley below. Crossing lush grassy fields, they joined part of the Wysis Way, which starts at Monmouth and heads across the Forest of Dean to make its way to the Cotswolds and finally the Thames.

Climbing gently uphill beside ploughed fields, they made their way back to Hillersland and crossing the main road to Yat Rock, re-entered Highmeadow Woods, where the main pathways have been resurfaced, for the short trek back to their waiting cars and the journey home.

On February 20, please note that the walk to Garwntant has been cancelled because of blocked footpaths, but there will be a substitute walk instead.

Meet at 9.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a six-mile easy walk, for details contact Val H. on 029 2051 3274.

On February 21, meet at 9am at the Barry Waterfront for a 10-mile moderate/hard walk (which has one steep climb to the ridge) in the Pencoe area; contact Barbara on 01446 734686.

*Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice. For other groups' walk log onto*

*www.ramblers.org.uk*  
*Rucksack badges, programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2021 9102.*

JOY STRANGWARD

### ST CYRES HOCKEY

## Year-9s strong showing in county hockey

**THE year-9 hockey team recently played in the county hockey tournament.**

The team started well with a victory over Cardiff High School, where Rachel Hignett was dominant for St Cyres with a hat-trick. She was well supported by Ellen Mahenthiralingham, Ffion Gould, Chantelle McIlroy and Maryam Chaudhary.

The girls then faced a tight match against Ysgol Bro Morgannwg. They managed to contain Rachel, and eventually Bro Morgannwg scored despite some good defending from Caomhie Wingren, Sahar Ibrahim, Dana Yee and Ffion Thomas.

The girls then lost to Glantaf, who were the

eventual winners.

The year-7 hockey team also played Bro Morgannwg in a friendly fixture. This was their first 11-a-side match and both teams played really well.

St Cyres' midfield of Naomi Lewis, Amy Morgan, Emily Hill and Isabella Podesta showed real skill at times and created some attacking opportunities.

The attack of Lydia Gardner, Emily Gadsby and Georgia Morgan made some good attacking runs but just couldn't get the final shot on target.

The defence of Chloe Benson, Shauna McManus and Chloe Wathan were solid throughout.

The girls have their county tournament after half-term.

## Kick start for youth cricket

**RIGHT:** Louis Burrows, James Hassett, Leon Sparkes and Georgina Wilson-Dixon.



**BUILDING on the double promotion of its league sides, and the development of a thriving youth section in 2009, Barry Wanderers Cricket Club has started 2010 by putting a new artificial wicket at its home, the picturesque Hayes Point development off Hayes Road, Sully.**

The wicket, installed by 'Sportsequip' of Leicestershire, is a significant development for the club and was supported by the Vale Centre for Voluntary Services through the Kick Start III Grant Scheme.

Club captain and youth team organiser James Hassett said: "This is a major step forward for the Wanderers. It will provide much-improved training facilities for all our members, but most importantly, it will allow our younger members to

train and play on a full-size pitch.

"It is something we are all very excited about, and without the support of the VCVS this would not have been possible. I would also like to thank Galliard and the staff at Hayes Point for their assistance in ensuring the installation of the wicket went smoothly."

The youth section are hoping to enter sides into league cricket in 2010, and are looking for new members aged between seven and 15. Previous experience is not required, and as many current players will testify, it is a game you can start and enjoy at any age. Players are welcome at the indoor training sessions at the Sports Centre, Colcot Road, every Sunday from 4pm-5pm. From March 7, the time of the sessions will change to 3pm-4pm.

For further details, contact James Hassett on [barrywandererscc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:barrywandererscc@hotmail.co.uk) or 07771 931100.

## It's mixed fortunes for Llantwit boxers



Daniel Ruffle and Dale Phillips

**ON February 12, Daniel Ruffle and Dale Phillips boxed at the OCLP club in Bridgend.**

Daniel Ruffle boxed Levi Lawrence from YMCA Cardiff on a return bout. It was a hard-fought contest over three rounds.

Dale lost out on the judges' scoring cards.

Dale Phillips boxed Leigh Horne from Bridgend.

Dale started fast and furious, landing the heavier shots and win-

ning the first round. The second round saw Dale draw blood from his opponent, forcing a standing count.

In the third round, Dale picked up the pace forcing a late stoppage.

Daniel will be representing Wales this weekend against the English Western Counties in the quarter-finals of the British Schoolboys championships.

## Cricket coaching

**BARRY Athletic CC is inviting children between the ages of six and 17, to attend cricketing sessions starting in February.**

Contact the club for more information. Contacts are: Steve Jones (chairman), 01446 402713 or 07727 993371; Martin Baker (vice-chairman) 01446 719210 or 07507 409976.

## Who wants to build what and where in the Vale?

Mr Andrew Burns – 12 Laburnum Way, Dinas Powys – demolish existing bungalow and construct new three-bedroom split level bungalow.

Mr and Mrs O'Sullivan – 37 Cambridge Street, Barry – loft conversion including alterations to roof.

Mr Christopher Langdon – 2 Woodlands, Llanharry – conservatory to side elevation.

Mr Edward Borge – 41 Sherbourne Close, Barry – two storey extension to side of property.

Mr Hywel Morgan – Lower House, Michaelston Le Pit – retention of use as garden.

Mr N Bialynicki-Birula – 44 Baron Road, Penarth – proposed dormer to side of property.

Mr Simon Harrison – 35 Manor Park, Llantwit Major – erection of a single storey extension to front and rear of property.

Mr Christopher Howarth – 20 Evenlode Avenue, Penarth – erection of first floor extension and balconies, ground floor extension and provision of swimming pool and pool enclosure.

Mr Simon Llewellyn – Unit 4, BSC, Hood Road, Barry – proposed change of use for Unit 4 from existing B1 to B2 (general industry) for producing chilli sauce.

Mr Terry Donovan – 56 Redlands Avenue, Penarth – change of use of single dwelling to two flats.

Mr Graham Cartwright – The Croft, Llanmaes – replace two existing dormer windows including flat roof with hardwood peaked windows incorporating tiled pitch-back into the existing structure.

Mr Michael Baker – 4 Clos Cefni, Cwm Talwg, Barry – proposed extension to first floor above.

Mr Paul Davenport – White Lodge, 117 Fontgary Road, Rhooose – roof repair and extension.

Ms Kim Howell – Three Oaks, Church Road, Llanblethian – proposed extension.

Mr Glyn Canter – Melin Wynt, Llansannor – proposed stable and farm machinery storage.

Mr Julian Hitchcock – Old Rectory, Llandough, Cowbridge – extensions and alterations. Two storey extension to side including

internal alterations to kitchen and two bedrooms. Single storey extension to rear - glass pavilion to provide additional living space.

Mr Mark Aston – Dyffryn Lloff Barn, Tredodridge – proposed barn/garage to serve Dyffryn Lloff Barn and situated within designated curtilage.

Vale Council Dock Office – Dyffryn Gardens, Dyffryn, nr Cardiff – repair works to stable yard walls including re-rendering, stone repairs, repointing and resetting of copings and new gates to stable yard. Repairs to three chimney stacks within the stable yard.

Installation of timber gates to walled gardens. Provision of a ramp access adjoining toilet area.

Mr Malcolm Jones – 69 Lavernock Road, Penarth – extend existing garage to provide workshop/associated external works.

Mr Anton Woodhouse – 36 Le Sor Hill, Peterston Super Ely – two storey side extension to provide ancillary accommodation to enable care for elderly with detached garage to side and studio above.

Mr Merl Maher – 4 Maes Y Ffynon, Bonvilston – double storey side and rear extension.

Mr Thomas Davis – Leckwith Concrete Products, Leckwith Bridge Yard, Leckwith Road, Leckwith – retention of steel building for storage.

Mr Gordon Hadfield – The Spinney Holiday Park, Beach Road, Swanbridge – replacement of existing timber building with traditional unit as park manager's living accommodation.

Mr and Mrs James and Chloe Ford – Tyn-y-Caia Farm, Sutton Road, Llandow, Cowbridge – construction of a 12,000 bird free-range egg production unit.

Messrs A and J Raymond – strip of land between unclassified road to the north of Waterton Lodge and the garden of Waterton, Lodge, Colwinston – new surfaced access road from unclassified road to north of Waterton Lodge to allow agricultural vehicles access to the agricultural land to the east and south of Waterton Lodge.

Mr Merl Maher – 4 Maes Y Ffynon, Bonvilston – double storey side and rear extension.

## Seaview Lads' latest results

**FISHING has been difficult in recent weeks, with small bags of whiting being brought to the scales.**

On the plus side, we have more or less confirmed our social calendar for the year, with coach trips to Weymouth, Tenerife and Llangennith, along with many others.

The presentation night is due soon (our 50th anniversary on the Peterson scale).

The March run of spawning species is eagerly awaited and we look forward to the first of the boat trips planned for April, so members should get their names down quickly!

**Results: February 7** – 1st, W Taylor, 2lb 5ozs, whiting; 2nd, M Langford, 2lb, whiting; 3rd, A Harris, 1lb 13ozs, whiting; 4th, E Collins,

1lb 6ozs, whiting; 5th, S Davis, 1lb, whiting; 6th, P Coles, 14ozs, codling.

**February 5** – 1st, M Robertson, 1lb 13ozs, whiting; 2nd, P Coles, 8ozs, flounder; 3rd, D Kemp, 6ozs, whiting; 4th, J Wyatt, 2ozs, 5br rockling; quite a few fish caught just under size.

**January 31** – 1st, G Morgan, 2lb, whiting; 2nd, L Thompson, 14ozs, 5br, whiting; 2nd, S Davis, 14ozs, codling, s/rockling; 4th, M Langford, 9ozs, pout; 5th, M Kerslake, 6ozs, s/rockling; 6th, E Collins, 4ozs, 5br rockling.

A guest, B Worsley, won the money for first place with a pout and a nice spotted ray 4lb 2oz. Fifteen fished, only seven weighed in.

AP

# Bosch land won't be used for retail or housing – Politicians work to limit impact of closure

**THE Vale Council will not allow the land at Bosch to become a housing estate or a retail development.**

Coun Rhodri Traherne, the cabinet member for economic development and regeneration, has contacted The GEM to reassure local people that land would not gain planning permission for houses or retail uses.

In his letter (see page 2) he explains: "The current situation is quite clear. Bosch occupies around 33 acres and has had 'outline planning consent' for the development of around a further 131 acres for 'industrial purposes' since 1989.

"As such, at any time during the last 20 years Bosch could have submitted a planning application for 'detailed consent' for the consideration of the Vale Council planning committee.

"The potential use of these 131 acres is clearly identified in the council's Unitary Development Plan as land for employment purposes. Furthermore there is a specific policy in the plan protecting such land for employment use,

which excludes both residential and retail use."

Mr Traherne adds that influential politicians locally and nationally were in agreement on the subject.

"I have spoken to the Leader of the Council, Coun Gordon Kemp, and he is adamant that council policy will not change.

"I have also had the opportunity to speak to Jane Hutt AM, our Assembly Member and the Welsh Assembly Government Minister for Business and Budget. She has spoken to both the First Minister and the Deputy First Minister and they too are determined that the land use should not be altered."

## DELEGATIONS

The Bosch plant is set for closure in 2011, and over the last 10 days it has become apparent that there will be no last-minute reprieve.

The First Minister, Carwyn Jones, and Deputy First Minister, Ieuan Wyn Jones travelled to Germany on February 8 to meet members of the Bosch board to once again press the case for the plant to remain open.

In a statement to Assembly Members they

**by TIM CHAPMAN**

said: "We urged them to do all that they can to offer alternative products from within the group to keep production at the Cardiff site. However, none of the alternatives were considered feasible.

While they welcomed the meeting, they indicated their intention to close the site despite us once again offering Assembly Government support."

Two more groups of Welsh AMs made the trip to the Bosch HQ this week.

On February 10, Conservative AMs Alun Cairns, Andrew RT Davies and David Melding announced that they intended to meet Bosch executives in Stuttgart. A day later, Labour AM Jane Hutt announced that she and Rhodri Morgan AM, would also be making the trip, accompanied by trade union representatives.

The two groups had separate meetings with Bosch managers on Tuesday.

Following their meeting, Conservative industry spokesman Mr Cairns said the AMs had emphasised the need for community involvement in the site's future and he had been encouraged that the company had agreed to set up a working party to limit the effect of the plant closing.

"It was a constructive meeting and the Bosch directors welcomed our involvement.

"They were also grateful for our insight into local community concerns highlighted over the future of the site."

Mr Davies said: "We were pleased with Bosch's commitment to establish a working group on managing the impact of closure. During our meeting we also emphasised the need for full community involvement, including the Vale and community councils and all political parties."

Shadow minister for the economy, David Melding, said: "I welcomed the chance to meet senior Bosch executives to discuss not only the fate of hundreds of workers at the plant, but also the impact its closure will have on the surrounding community.

"It is regrettable, however, that the Assembly Government couldn't develop a feasible model for Bosch's new genera-

tion of applications, such as wind energy components."

After their meeting, Rhodri Morgan and Jane Hutt said: "After discussions lasting three hours in Germany with Bosch chiefs, work force representatives and Unite trade union officials, we secured an agreement that Bosch would work together with the Welsh Assembly Government and workforce representatives to secure the best possible legacy; not only for the current skilled workforce at the Vale plant, but also the supply chain companies, and future employment opportunities at the plant and the use of the 330,000 square foot building complex."

The full text of Coun Traherne's letter to The GEM can be read on page 2.

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# Barry Choir honours ever-present Don (80)

AT Barry Male Voice Choir's recent AGM, a presentation was made by chairman Don Surridge, on behalf of the choir, to Arthur Griffith, a long-standing and faithful member since 1972.

This was to recognise that over the past five years, Arthur had achieved a 100 per cent concert record of attendance and a 99 per cent rehearsal record of attendance.

Over a five-year period, he attended 105 concert engagements and only missed four out of 448 rehearsals – quite an achievement for a chorister approaching the age of 80!



ABOVE: Don Surridge and Arthur Griffith, who has missed just four out of 448 rehearsals.

# Wenvoe pupils celebrate the Chinese New Year

FOLLOWING the headteacher's link visit to Chongqing in China, the staff and pupils at Gwenfo C/W Primary School celebrated Chinese New Year with a special assembly, craft activities and a Chinese lunch of sweet and sour chicken, chicken in black bean sauce, rice, prawn crackers and watermelon prepared by our cooks.

Chopsticks were kindly donated by Wagamama restaurant in Cardiff Bay.

During the afternoon, the pupils attempted to fly our Chinese lanterns with good wishes for the Vale.

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## Too embarrassed to show visitors litter in the Vale

**H**ATS off to I Hopkin of Aberthin for writing the letter, in The GEM on February 11, on the topic of litter in the Vale, which I have been meaning to write for weeks!

One does not need to look at the calendar to see that it is recycling day.

As soon as the truck has left our village, the lanes are strewn with plastic bottles, tin cans and carrier bags.

Every bit of road from my home in Llanmaes to Cowbridge is trashed with litter on a weekly basis. Surely the council could invest in trucks with covers to keep the litter in?

It's not rocket science, after all!

I agree that, aside from the litter we have to endure from the recycling trucks, there is a huge social problem of people generally littering. But it cannot be blamed solely on the 'new generation of citizens'.

In the example of Cowbridge school, surely it is the 'grown-ups' who are allowing this rubbish problem to be tolerated?

Wouldn't it be great if the school organised a

### 'STOP THE LITTER BUGS!'

**I**DO take exception to part of what Mr Hopkin says about litter (GEM letters, last week).

The Vale Council has a lot of litter pickers out on foot clearing rubbish from the road sides. These are the people who fill the orange sacks that we see at the side of the road. This must cost them a significant amount of money.

Clearly, however, they are insufficient as the mountains of litter continue to accumulate. Perhaps some more community service orders should be directed towards picking litter?

There is a need, however, to stop the problem at source.

How many times have we driven behind a car and seen its occupants, young and old, throwing cigarette packets, crisp packets, soft drink cans and all sorts of other non-biodegradable rubbish out of the windows, when it would be equally easy to keep it in the car

weekly 'litter day' where students go out en masse for a half hour and tidy up.

If the powers that be were seen to care, perhaps it might instil some pride in the school and surrounding area for the young people.

You only have to take a look outside the grocery store in Llantwit Major (previously Somerfield, now Co-Op) to confirm that in fact the older generation is also to blame.

On any given day, you will see piles of rubbish under the trolleys.

Till receipts, discarded shopping lists, food wrappers, and cigarettes - not thrown down by youths but by your everyday shopper.

I believe if the management sent an employee out once an hour to tidy up, people would be less likely to begin, and might even begin to take pride in their town.

The other grocery store in Llantwit Major (Filco) by comparison is quite clean outside.

I sympathised also with I Hopkin about overseas visitors. I grew up in Florida, one of the cleanest states in the USA, and when I have family over here I am literally embarrassed to take them out. (I won-

until they get home? It really grates on me that there is nothing that I can presently do about this. Would it be possible to introduce a 'shop a litter bug' service, so that when we see this sort of thing happening we can ring, e-mail or write to the council, reporting the location and the licence number of the car?

We are not concerned with who owns the car, we are concerned with the occupants. The council could then send a formal letter to the registered owner saying that the vehicle had been reported.

This would at least tell the litterbug, or his family, that the anti-social behaviour had been noticed. If a vehicle is reported three times then a fixed penalty notice could be served on the owner!

Come to think of it, this could also be applied to that other scourge, people refusing to obey the law and using a hand-held mobile phone whilst driving!

David Kennett, Barry

der if we should lobby the VOG council for free blindfolds to employ when we transport our guests from A to B?).

In America we have the slogan 'Keep America Beautiful', and it is enforced by law, with hefty fines for littering. Here we have the slogan 'Keep Britain Tidy', which really does not pack much punch, and clearly is not enforced.

Suggestions for reducing the amount of litter in the Vale:

1) The council needs

### Horrendous litter in Cowbridge

**I**WOULD like to congratulate the authors of two letters in last week's GEM regarding the litter, dog fouling and potholes in the Cowbridge area and state that during the past few weeks I have contacted the Vale Council on at least three occasions regarding the litter problem.

My wife and I have been regularly on walks and taken note of the continued problem of the horrendous amount deposited by motorists, schoolchildren, residents, and presumably visitors to the roads, pavements, paths and rights of way.

Examples are the St Athan Road, Llantwit Road, Aberthin Road (particularly outside the school), Stalling Down and Roman Road, (also complete overgrowing of bushes throughout) many paths into town, the Cattle Market.

So it goes on, includ-

### 'Let's bin the litter'

**I**FULLY agree with Mr Hopkin's comments on litter in last week's edition of The GEM.

In my travels home and abroad over many years in my motorhome, I consider Britain to be a rubbish dump by comparison with some of our European neighbours.

I think everyone should play a part in cleaning up their locality.

Parents and teachers should instill in children from a early age the

to keep the recycled materials in the trucks.

2) The council should allocate more resources to cleaning up.

3) Every shopkeeper should keep their frontage clean, and every householder should keep their bit of road 'beautiful'.

I would like to think it is not hopeless. Clearly lots of people do not care, but let that not deter those of us who do care from trying to improve the situation!

Mrs. L. McGreevy Llanmaes

ing the whole of Culverhouse area. Why do Tesco's, Marks and Spencers, MacDonald's and all the stores leave this problem for months on end? Why do the Vale and Cardiff councils not employ the many persons on community service to serve their public in recompense for the crimes committed?

Dog fouling, particularly in Broadway, Town Mill Road and even on the High Street is prevalent, and all owners should be prosecuted.

As a result of the bad weather, we are now faced with many serious potholes in roads in the area and resulting damage to vehicles, but see very few efforts to repair these, except for the complete resurfacing of parts of Broadway.

I have had dealings with our local councilors and Vale Council officials over other matters in the past, but all complaints fail to receive proper attention.

The council reference numbers for the latest items are 2109774 and 2117064.

Brian Swain, Cowbridge

need to bin or take home their rubbish.

The local authority should provide many more bins, especially near schools.

I sometimes take my 'extra hand' stick and a plastic bag when walking to town and always find ample litter to pick up, yet knowing the same problem will arise a few days later.

I wish others, using gloves, would pick up litter and bin it and not walk by.

R Williams, Cowbridge

## 'BE READY TO CLEAN UP AFTER PETS ON A BEACH'

**I**AM writing in response to the letter in The GEM last week from Joanne McCarthy regarding horses and dogs on the beach at Whitmore Bay.

I regularly use the beach with my family and over the last year, have seen an increasing amount of horseriders use it too.

On many occasions, the behaviour of these riders has been unacceptable and dangerous, for example, cantering or galloping on a crowded beach (including during very busy times and bank holidays over the summer).

### Dogs should be kept on a lead

**T**HE sight of horses galloping on the foreshore at Barry Island is a genuine delight for residents and visitors.

As a responsible dog owner whose pet was savagely attacked in an unprovoked attack on Barry Island - the problem outlined in The GEM on February 11 is not of responsible horse owners, but irresponsible dog owners, who often treat their pets as indulged children.

They need to realise that no matter how much they think of their dog as a pet, it is still an animal with a mind and instincts of its own - an issue compounded with the fashion for aggressive breeds.

Ultimately, dog owners are responsible for ensuring their dog does not interfere with, or cause problems for other users of the beautiful beaches at Barry Island.

The council should put up a sign at Barry Island welcoming responsible horse riders and bring in as soon as possible byelaws for dogs to be on leads on the promenade, and muzzles on aggressive breeds whenever they are outdoors.

There still isn't a sign at the Knap for dogs to be on leads, in spite of the incident where a swan was killed by a dog.

Judith and Andy Green, Barry Island

I have never seen a single horse rider clean up the huge piles of manure often left by their horses.

I note that Ms McCarthy says that her partner (on foot) cleans up after the horse. Given that she also says that she doesn't trot, canter or gallop, I am not sure why, her partner would have trouble keeping up with her and why, therefore, a dog walker felt the need to speak to her about manure left behind.

I can appreciate the difficulty involved with getting off a horse to clean up manure, but I also see disabled, elderly and infirm dog owners who have difficulty cleaning up after their

dogs, but nevertheless manage to do so.

Anyone who takes a pet on the beach should be prepared to clean up after it, however difficult that might be - or else stay off the beach.

Excrement on the beach is infuriating, whether left by horses or dogs - as are the countless piles of litter and cigarette ends which will no doubt appear on the beach during the summer.

Being the mother of a toddler and also a responsible dog owner who cleans up after their pet, I frankly don't care who uses the beach, as long as they leave it clean.

Leanne Sokolski, Barry

### Should horses be banned from beach?

**W**ITH reference to horses

versus dogs on Barry Island beach, we use the beach on a daily basis, when permitted, with our two small dogs always carrying a generous supply of blue bags.

Whenever there are horses (however well controlled) there is mayhem! Friday and Saturday afternoons (February 12-13) were prime examples: Two horses racing on the beach, galloping at full pelt from one end of the sands to the other, using the whole of the beach.

Parents grabbed their

young children's hands and where possible dog owners put their dogs on leads.

However obedient, dogs seeing horses will inevitably investigate. On Friday, the two riders finished up by trotting their horses along the promenade among pushchairs, wheelchairs and walkers.

There was no sign of any intention to pick up horse droppings.

Most walkers (with or without dogs) we speak to would like horses banned from the beach as there are other places designated for riders in the Vale. In every case we have seen, horses arrive in horse boxes.

Val and Neil Brown, Barry

### Horses have rights, too!

**I**TRULY empathise with Joanne McCarthy's episode involving dog owners unwilling to control their pets on Barry Island beach.

Her horse has as much right as anybody else to enjoy the seaside. Out of control dogs, however, should not be allowed in any public place where inconsiderate people allow their dogs to run riot.

How many times have we read in The GEM of the sad plights of victims of dog attacks?

The fault is with the people who are ignorant of the basics in animal care and training. There

should be stricter controls on obtaining pets, when they are not looked after properly, including dogs abandoned in backyards in extreme weather conditions, barking all day, and some through the night.

People unable to care for, or control their dogs, should be banned from keeping them, including breeders keeping animals in squalid conditions.

Dog wardens need to patrol all areas on foot on a regular basis, like our local 'bobby' with access to all lanes.

K Starr, Barry

### Commonsense on the beach

**I**WOULD like to reply to Ms McCarthy's letter in The GEM regarding horses using the Barry Island beach.

I was also walking my dog when she appeared on the beach with her horse. On weekends the number of people walking their dogs on the beach has risen quite dramatically. It was a very foolish idea to bring a horse onto a beach at high tide and crowded with both dogs and children.

Fortunately, her horse behaved well, but if it had bolt-

ed I dread to think of the consequences. There was so very little room.

I walk my dog every day on the beach and at different times of the day. I have noticed that there are two riders who regularly bring their horses onto the beach for exercise.

They always appear when the tide is at its lowest, they have thought about this sensibly and chosen a time when there is plenty of room on the beach.

They walk past the dog walkers, then once they reach the shore line and the area is clear, they proceed into a full

gallop. It is beautiful to watch and a pleasure to share the beach with them.

So I would ask Ms McCarthy to choose the time she wants to exercise her horse carefully. It is not safe to bring a horse onto a crowded beach, no matter how well-behaved the animal may be.

The dog, a predator animal, will bark at and chase a moving target; and likewise a horse, a prey animal will bolt.

We can all share the beach, but please use some commonsense.

H Spierling, Barry

### Vale Council and the potholes

**F**OLLOWING a recent article in The GEM regarding potholes on the local roads in and around the Vale, I am dismayed at the lack of commitment from the council.

I reported some three weeks ago via the online forms, potholes on various roads in Llantwit Major. I then followed up with a phone call a week later regarding the state of another road in the Vale.

As a worker travelling outside the locality, I use various roads in the Vale. The routes from Llantwit Major towards the A48 and from the A48 at Pentre Meurig towards the M4 passing the St Mary's Golf Club are specifically bad and resulted in damage to my vehicle.

The biggest disappointment with the council was the fact I'd contacted them to report in the appropriate manner. I don't expect the work to be done

straight away due to programming. However, after cycling through the lanes between Llanblethian and Llanmihangel over the weekend, the council had painted fresh yellow markings showing the potholes.

Does it not matter about the main roads causing damage to cars, or does the council prefer to deal with minor routes, where the traffic flow is significantly lower than the A roads?

(Name and address supplied)

## Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools' cross-country championships for Girls, Trelai Park, Cardiff

# Llantwit's Megan remains 'a dominant force' in racing

Report by  
**PETER MORRIS**  
Pictures by  
**IAN DIXON**

THERE was greater joy for the Vale girls at the Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan cross-country championships than there had been for the boys a fortnight earlier.

In similar conditions to the boys' afternoon – a bitterly cold afternoon on a course surprisingly firm except for the top section, next to the Ely link – the Vale list of successes started in the opening race, for girls in years 8 and 9.

Llantwit year-9 Megan Osborne had been the dominant force in the two autumn term races, and she underlined that her progress continues into the second, and more important part of the cross-country season as she eased away over the two big laps to finish 23 seconds ahead of year-8 Kate Coker (Stanwell) – and remain undefeated in Cardiff & the Vale Schools' races.

That individual win might have been the foundation stone for team success but, with both Lucy Tarrant and Erin Hayes not taking part, the under-strength Llantwit squad could finish no higher than sixth.

Athletes from Cardiff schools – Megan Tatnell



**Winner! Megan Osborne (Llantwit) in the years 8 and 9 race.**



**An encouraging run from year-10 Danielle Green (St Richard Gwyn). Tenth place in the senior race gained her selection for the Cardiff & the Vale Schools under-17 team to compete at Brecon on February 27.**



**Start of the senior girls race with eventual winner Bethan Daw (St Cyres, 186) and Vale rivals Caitlin Bryant (The Cathedral, 391) and Fiona Bray (Cowbridge, 520) at the front of the field.**

(Corpus Christi) and Alice Broadley (Llanishen) – finished first and second in the year-7 girls' race, over one small and one big lap.

Rebecca Thomas (Cowbridge) was the best placed Vale girl, taking the third place award, with Ana Mirza-Davies (Stanwell, 5th) and Nadine James (Cowbridge, 6th) close behind.

With two Cowbridge athletes in the top 10 and support from Ellie Bishop (15th) and Alice Tudor (16th), the Vale school's total of 40 was good enough to claim the team title, the only Vale success in the six team competitions for boys and girls.

In the longest race of the afternoon, the senior girls' event for pupils in years-10 and above over two small and one big lap, the early pace was shared by a quartet, which included St Cyres year-10 Bethan Daw and Bonvilton resident Caitlin Bryant (The Cathedral School).

As the race progressed, Daw continued to apply pressure and the challenge of her rivals gradually faded, leaving her to come home clear by nearly half a minute from second-placed Majidah Harb (Whitchurch).

The senior girls race includes two individual sections, one at under-17 for years 10 and 11 pupils and a second, at under-20, for sixth form students.

With the first 12 finishers being pupils in

years 10 or 11, it was left to 13th-placed Francesca Capel (Howells, year-13) to take the under-20 title with two Cowbridge sixth formers, Elspeth Bisson and Holly Preece, taking second and third placed awards. For Elspeth, there was also team success as she combined with year 10 pupils Fiona Bray (7th), Rachel Bradshaw (16th) and Katie Wynne (17th) to help Cowbridge claim second place the Whitchurch squad.

The individual and team awards will be made at the annual Cross-Country presentation evening, which is due to be held at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg on Tuesday, May 11.

Following this fixture, Cardiff & the Vale Schools' district will choose teams of 12, plus six non travelling reserves, to compete at year-7, under-15 (years 8 and 9), under-17 (years 10 and 11) and under-20 (sixth form) at the Aviva 48th Welsh Schools' National cross-country championships at Brecon on Saturday, February 27.

Results of Vale pupils: Senior (under-20 and under-17) Girls – 4.3 km – Individuals – 61 finishers (23): 1 Bethan Daw (St Cy) 17:28; 4 Caitlin Bryant (Catdrl) 18:18; 6 Eloise Laity (West) 18:26; 7 Fiona Bray (Cow) 18:30; 10 Danielle Green (StRGwyn) 18:56; 16 Rachel Bradshaw (Cow) 20:16; 17 Katie Wynne (Cow) 20:16; 20 Molly Manley-Lamb (Catdrl) 21:05; 22 Elspeth Bisson (Cow under-20, 2nd) 21:26; 26 Holly Preece (Cow under-20, 3rd) 22:09; 30 Lucy Williams (Cow under-20, 5th) 23:06; 33 Skye Morham (StRGwyn) 23:30; 34 Georgia Kemeys (Cow under-20, 7th) 23:32; 35 Rosie Dent (Cow) 23:32; 36 Jodie Price (Bryn H) 23:32; 38 Natalie Parsons (Lwt) 23:42; 40 Ellie Carter (Bryn H) 23:47; 44 Bethan Heslop (Bro M under-20, 9th) 24:30; 45 Verity Morgan (Cow under-20, 10th) 24:34; 46 Amy Baldry (Lwt) 24:44; 47 Katie Mills (Bryn H) 24:45; 52 Hannah Jones (Bryn H) 25:52; 59 Caitlin Rowell (StRGwyn) 28:52.

Teams: 2 Cowbridge 62; 6 Cowbridge B 126; 8 Bryn Hafren 175.

Years 8 and 9 (under-15) Girls – 3.6 km – Individuals – 88 finishers (32): 1 Megan Osborne (Lwt) 14:27; 2 Kate Coker (Stan) 14:50; 10 Annabel Curle (Cow) 16:19; 12 Miriam Bennett (Cow) 16:34; 13 Lauren Williamson (StRGwyn) 16:43; 15 Tillie Carter (Bryn H) 16:54; 18 Rachel Cosier (Bryn H) 16:59; 23 Bethan Yapp (Bro M) 17:24; 33 Aimee Price (Lwt) 18:17; 35 Gabrielle Cuddihy (West) 18:22; 36 Ffion Davies (Bro M) 18:22; 37 Ffion Roberts (Bro M) 18:55; 38 Lauren Blake (StRGwyn) 18:57; 39 Caitlin Young (Bro M) 18:58; 40 Elisa Protheroe (West) 19:01; 43 Sioned Protheroe (West) 19:11; 45 Bethany Cleave (Lwt) 19:20; 46 Aimee Parsons (Lwt) 19:30; 51 Joanna Wilkins (Cow) 19:49; 52 Rochelle Davies (Bro M) 19:53; 53 Leah Kirby (Bro M) 19:55; 55 Izzy Eddy-Williams (Cow) 20:07; 56 Neive Gallagher (Cow) 20:08; 61 Alex Moss (StRGwyn) 20:27; 62 Sophie Swaffield (StRGwyn) 20:29; 63 Sophie George (Lwt) 20:29; 67 Ffion Hopkins (Cow) 20:45; 82 Ruby Morgan (Bro M) 22:01; 83 Chelsea Siirak (Bro M) 22:02; 84 Megan Punter (Bro M) 22:12; 85 Morgan White (StRGwyn) 22:29; 88 Christina Sperring (StRGwyn) 25:46.

Teams: 6 Llantwit Major 125; 7 Cowbridge 128; 8 Bro Morgannwg 135; 11 St Richard Gwyn 161; 14 Bro Morgannwg B 270.

Year-7 (under-13) Girls – 3 km – Individuals – 109 finishers (46): 3 Rebecca Thomas (Cow) 14:08; 5 Ana Mirza-Davies (Stan) 14:22; 6 Nadine James (Cow) 14:27; 14 Poppy Davies (Howells) 14:44; 15 Ellie Bishop (Cow) 14:46; 16 Alice Tudor (Cow) 14:46; 19 Katie Griffin (Catdrl) 15:00; 21 Maisie Squire (Stan) 15:12; 22 Chloe Hughes (Lwt) 15:14; 23 Kierney O'Dare (Lwt) 15:15; 29 Ella Dyer (Stan) 15:32; 34 Brooke Lagdon-Cryer (Cow) 15:45; 37 Elinor Hicks (Lwt) 15:47; 39

Ambra John (StRGwyn) 15:50; 40 Gen Watt (StRGwyn) 15:51; 41 Megan Davies (Bro M) 15:52; 47 Milly Williams (Stan) 16:14; 48 Jessica Coushen (Bryn H) 16:19; 63 Olivia Hamzelou (Stan) 17:13; 65 Hannah Lister-Sims (Cow) 17:16; 66 Delana Davies (Bro M) 17:17; 67 Evie Williams (Cow) 17:18; 69 Matilda Matthews (Bro M) 17:30; 70 Emma Davies (Stan) 17:31; 71 Sian Evans (Bro M) 17:44; 72 Michaela Winton (Bryn H) 17:46; 73 Tamara Pitt (Lwt) 17:47; 74 Alys Walton (Bro M) 17:52; 75 Menna Preece (Bro M) 17:54; 78 Bethan Williams (StRGwyn) 18:02; 79 Heulwen Hill (StRGwyn) 18:10; 81 Laura Young (Lwt) 18:27; 82 Morgan Davies-Jones (Bryn H) 18:37; 83 Kerys Jenkins (Bro M) 18:44; 84 Emilia Bailey (StRGwyn) 18:51; 88 Evie Carter (Bro M) 18:57; 89 Amy Miller (Lwt) 19:00; 90 Rhian Jones (Lwt) 19:00; 91 Emma Young (Lwt) 19:09; 92 Sarah Arnold (Bryn H) 19:13; 94 Kara Healan (Bro M) 19:30; 96 Kelsey Penikett (StRGwyn) 19:52; 97 Melissa Gray (Lwt) 19:59; 103 Molly Brown (Lwt) 22:10; 108 Elinor Power (StRGwyn) 22:22; 109 Rebecca Gill (StRGwyn) 22:23.

Teams: 1 Cowbridge 40; 6 Stanwell 102; 8 Llantwit Major 155; 12 Bro Morgannwg 206; 15 St Richard Gwyn 236; 16 Bryn Hafren 294; 18 Bro Morgannwg B 320; 20 Llantwit Major B 351; 21 St Richard Gwyn B 397.



**Rebecca Thomas, third in the year-7 race, led her Cowbridge squad to team success.**

## Students express themselves and claim library prizes



**Coun Tony Hampton with pupils of Llanilltud Fawr Primary School.**

**FOUR Vale winners each won £50 in the local round of a national libraries competition – 'Express Yourself'.**

St Richard Gwyn RC High School pupil Donna Thomas, with her painting, 'Magic World of Books', has been shortlisted to join the 18 winners at the Senedd on February 25 to compete in the secondary schools category for a further £500.

The other local winners were:

● The class of Sue Evans at Llanilltud Fawr Primary School, who produced posters advertising the library.

● Helen Bagnall (representing Palmerston Community Learning Centre) with a very colourful glass fusion plaque.

● Alexandra Bagnall (no relation) who produced an ink and watercolour illustration to win the individual category.

Vale Council chief librarian Sian Jones said: "We were delighted to receive more than 130 entries for the competition, and had a great time judging. Many made us laugh, many made us think about the positive ways in which libraries are perceived, and many others impressed with their skill and creativity."

Gavin & Stacey star Ruth Jones, who helped promote the competition and will present national awards, said: "It's fantastic that so many people have entered - it just goes to show what a creative nation we are, I'm really looking forward to seeing the work of the finalists and presenting the prizes."



**LEFT: Vale Council cabinet member for education and lifelong learning Coun Tony Hampton and chief librarian Sian Jones with three individual winners, from left: Alexandra Bagnall, Donna Thomas and Helen Bagnall.**

## ELO tribute act rock Barry Memorial Hall

**WHEN Electric Light Orchestra main man Jeff Lynne was hired to produce Free as a Bird, the first 'new' Beatles track to be released for 25 years in 1995, Paul McCartney joked that he was hired because of ELO's sonic closeness to the Fab Four.**

However, it is a statement that doesn't do justice to Lynne's innate musical sensibility that has made ELO one of the finest, if most underrated, bands to have emerged in this country.

While Lynne was also a member of The Travelling Wilburys, it is the songs that he produced under the ELO banner that have maintained the interest in a band who ceased making music 24 years ago (though briefly reforming and releasing new material in 2000).

Fortunately, for those who still find unbridled joy in the likes of Mr Blue Sky, Don't Bring Me Down, and other unarguable classics, the tribute band market means that ELO can keep on going, with The ELO Experience playing at the Barry Memorial Hall last Friday (February 12).

Coming on stage to a mixture of dry ice and dramatic lighting, the band soon kicked into songs that you would recognise even if you didn't know your ELO from MFI; all the hits were present as the band worked their way through the likes of Evil Woman, All Over The World, Telephone Line and Confusion.

The musicianship on show was superb, the band capturing the nuances and expanse of the band on record with alarming accuracy, particularly Andy Louis, who captured the Jeff Lynne vocals wonderfully well. While the crowd needed a little warming up, it wasn't long before some of the more exuberant members got up to have dance.

If the pace of the show dipped a little in the first half, with a few 'slowies' making up the middle of the set, it soon got back up to speed in the second half as the band explored ELO's more straightforward rock 'n' roll songs which was the cue for even more people to get up and dance.

As Roll Over Beethoven and Rock and Roll is King kept those who were dancing on the dancefloor, it was an opportunity for those a touch more geeky about their music to appreciate the fine band of musicians backing up Louis, their craft not going unnoticed by a crowd who gave each song warm applause.

Wrapping up proceedings with Don't Bring Me Down, the clamour for more was as predictable as the band's return, and with a fond thank you for a excellent response, the band closed proceedings with Mr Blue Sky, earning themselves a much deserved standing ovation.

The ELO Experience play the Princess Royal Theatre in Port Talbot on March 27th, and they come heartily recommended.

**GARETH JAMIESON**



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Coun P. Graham-Woolard, Yew Tree Farmhouse, Colwinston, Cowbridge CF71 7ND.  
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## Family Notices

**BIRTHDAY MEMORIES****HISCOCK, Jennifer Mary**

(nee Price)

on her 60th birthday, February 18th

"A gift in life we cannot buy,  
That's very rare but true,  
It's the gift of a wonderful wife,  
Like the one I had in you.  
I miss your fun and laughter,  
The things you used to say,  
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## Public Notice

**TO LET ON LICENCE**

The following grazing land is available by informal tender from 1 April 2010 until 31 January 2011

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- 37.5 acres at Tredodrig, Rhooose
- 2.23 acres at Wick Road, Llantwit Major

Applications for Tender documents are now invited from interested parties.

Closing date for receipt of completed Tenders is 5 March 2010.

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Interested parties must request tender documents from the Estates Section.

The closing date for receipt of completed tender documents is 5 March 2010.

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**Town and County Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995****NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 6****APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

Proposed development at Flackwell Cottage, Tredodrig, Cowbridge, Vale of Glamorgan, CF71 7UL.

Take notice that application is being made by Mr Martin Dodwell to the Vale of Glamorgan Council for planning permission for: Town & Country Planning Act, 1990 (as amended). Change of use to residential curtilage and erection of boundary wall.

Application No. 2010/00307UL. Any owner of the land or tenant who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Barry Docks, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF63 4RT within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Signed: Mr Martin Dodwell  
Date 10/02/2010

**Happy 18th Birthday, Rebecca!!**

Like a Sister to Lily,  
No. 1 Babysitter &  
second daughter.

All our love, Paul,  
Clare & Lily-Ann.  
XXX

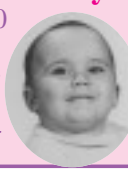
# HAPPY BIRTHDAY Jo-Anne Cull

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Funeral gathering at Colcot Community Centre, Barry CF62 9TZ at 10am, 1st March, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend CF35 6AB at 11.30am.

No flowers by request. Donations in lieu if desired, to Ty Hafan Children's Hospice in Wales can be made on the day.

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Arthur Henry

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Halcione and family wish to thank everyone for their kind words and support during their sad loss. Special thanks to Ward 10 of the Princess of Wales Hospital and to all the doctors, district nurses and support staff at Dr Jemmett's surgery in Cowbridge. Special thanks to all my friends and neighbours who have supported me during this sad time. Also, to Reverend Peter Leonard for the lovely service and to Thomas Brothers, Funeral Directors for their professionalism.

**BIRTHDAY MEMORIES****Wyndham Cooke**

19.02

"If Tears could build a stairway,  
and memories a lane, I'd walk right up  
to Heaven and bring you home again."  
Love, Ann, Kevin and Rhys x

**Jill BEECHEY**

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## Young Vale rugby team gets a boost from power station



ABOVE: The Vale Wanderers under-13s in their new shirts.

**THE newly-formed Vale Wanderers under-13 players have received a team boost from RWE npower, Aberthaw Power Station, with the donation of rugby shirts.**

The team, made up of players from Dinas Powys, Llantwit Major and Sully clubs, merged to enable the 25 members to continue to play the sport as their respective clubs could not support individual teams at this age level. The aim will be to stay as a squad up to

under-16 level.

Aberthaw Power Station responded to the request for the shirts – not a full strip as the players wear their own club socks (Barbarian-style) – and training T-shirts as part of their community donation scheme.

“We are very grateful as the shirts have helped with team spirit,” said Tim Jones, director of rugby, Llantwit Major RFC mini and junior section, who has brought the youngsters together.



Aberthaw Power Station manager Phil Allen (right) hands over the new Vale Wanderers under-13 shirts to director of rugby, Tim Jones, watched by the team and coaches (standing from left) Neil Evans and Chris Davies.

## Llantwit under-14s progress in the Five Nations Cup

ON Sunday, January 24, Llantwit Major under-14 A hosted Leominster in a fixture previously scheduled for October last year, but which was postponed due to the weather.

The fixture is part of the first round of the British Isles and Ireland, Lions Five Nations Youth Football Tournament, which allows teams (under-14 years old) to compete against each other in the only EUFA sanctioned competition for this age group.

The winners would progress through the second round of the Lions competition, with the reward an away fixture against Frome, a team from Somerset.

Llantwit were able to field a full strength side supported by a full bench of substitutes.

The size of the pitch provided plenty of space for the teams to play an expansive game.

It was Llantwit who had to be cautious as the visitors played the long ball up to their main striker, who required close attention from Ed Howley and Aiden Byrne at the centre of the Llantwit defence.

Both teams found the sticky pitch difficult and

### LLANTWIT MAJOR under-14 A LEOMINSTER

the match sped along at a frantic pace.

Leominster struck the bar from a free kick which was subsequently kept out by Josh Cutter in goal but it was Llantwit who struck first with a well-worked goal.

Some good passes allowed Tom Russell to stab the ball home from close range.

Some heroic defending followed at the other end with the Llantwit keeper beaten, but saved by the post, with Aiden Byrne on hand to bundle the ball out in a last ditch effort to leave the home team up 1-0 at half time.

In the second half, Llantwit started with confidence, with the back four shutting Leominster out, and the Llantwit midfield of Owain Lord and Joe Laing giving the visitors no time on the ball.

A well-worked move down the right towards the middle of the half saw Geraint Jones control, turn and strike the ball towards goal, squeezing it in between the keeper's outstretched arm and the post to make it 2-0 to Llantwit.

With some fresh legs coming on in the shape of Tom Hodgkinson and William Teague, it was up to the home side to stand up to the expected onslaught in the last 10 minutes, with Ashley Morris and Steffan Baker adding to the defensive cordon in front of the Llantwit goal.

Josh Cutter in goal continued to dominate his area, picking up everything that came his way, pulling off a number of fine saves in what was a man of the match performance.

But it was Llantwit's day as the ref blew up for full time with Llantwit deserved winners.

Both teams retired to the pavilion for a well earned coke and hot dog! The Llantwit starting 11 was completed by Chris Blatchford and Connor Taylor.

The remaining substitutes for the day were Ciaran Webb, Jack Hughes, Rhys Richards, Alex Pendle and Aiden Weeks. Special thanks to Andy Ross for officiating.

Adrian Morris

## Agony for the Huskies in defeat

**BARRY Huskies Basketball Club finally got the second half of their Valleys League season under way with a tough third round cup (first leg) game against the Kenfig Cougars at Holm View.**

This would be a tough test for the team, playing against the reigning Valleys League Champions who are also Cup holders and would be the team's first game in almost two months!

The Huskies went into the game with memories of the league encounter between the sides back in October, which the Cougars won by almost 40 points, and were eager to make amends.

However, an under-strength Huskies side were missing key players Anthony Trigg, Chris Gibbons and Chris Lewis and had eight other players cup-tied, leaving a bare squad of only seven players to compete against a team which boasted four current Welsh Internationals.

The Cougars came out of the blocks quickly and took advantage of the Huskies' under-sized unit by playing the game inside, scoring 10 quick points.

They then started scoring from outside, hitting eight points, at the same time their aggressive defence limited the Huskies' scoring, the quarter ending 24-9 to the Cougars.

A switch on the Huskies' defence in the second quarter saw Ian Gibbons play outstanding man-to-man defence on the Cougars' Welsh international centre, and

on the offensive end, Lloyd Roberts and Elliott Thomas scored the team's 18 points between them. However, the Huskies still trailed by 16 at half-time.

The third quarter started with young Jack Dyer coming off the bench to utilise his pace – the Cougars couldn't match it and he scored a quickfire 11 points. Roberts was also proving unstoppable, while the Huskies' defence was also rock solid, limiting the Cougars to just 15 points. The quarter ended with the Huskies trailing by just seven.

The final quarter saw the Huskies close to within two points, Thomas and Roberts carrying the scoring load for the team, with Gibbons and Stuart Peters rocks at the back.

However, the lack of substitutes began to take its toll on the team, and the Cougars managed to make a six-point run of their own, before the Huskies brought it back. With six seconds to go, the Huskies had a chance to tie but turned the ball over, losing the game 78-76.

Afterwards, coach Coles said “This was a great result for us, bearing in mind we were very short-handed and gave them a 20-point head start.

“It took a while for our touch to get back, but I'm pleased that we can head into next week's second leg just two points down.”

Further club information can be found at [www.barryhuskies.net](http://www.barryhuskies.net) or at our facebook page, Barry Huskies Basketball Club.

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## Evan's 100-1 shock winner!

**ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee**

**FAHRISEE**, a seven-year-old bay gelding, owned by Hugh Williams, and trained at Llancarfan by Evan Williams, caused one of the biggest shocks of the National Hunt season when winning the Heating Solutions Maiden Hurdle at Hereford last Sunday, writes **Brian Lee**.

Enterprisingly ridden by Donal Fahy, the lightly raced *Fahrisee* scored by half-a-length from *Secret Stash* trained by another Welsh trainer, Alison Thorpe. Those punters who backed *Fahrisee* on the Tote – and there couldn't have been many of them – were rewarded with odds of almost 243-1.

His assistant trainer, James Tudor, also had plenty to smile about as he rode a double at the Vine & Craven Point-To-Point at Barbury Racecourse with *Bon Accord* (confined race) and *William Summers* (intermediate).

Later in the day, Kenfig Hill's John Flint and his son Rhys teamed up to win the BBC Hereford & Worcester Handicap Chase with *Star Galaxy*, who got home by a head from *Rince Donn*.

At Warwick, 24 hours earlier, Aberthin's Tim Vaughan took the Bet Totepool To Support Sport Handicap Hurdle with his promising seven-year-old *Winterwood*, well ridden by Abergavenny's Sam Thomas.

## Wenvoe Castle GC honours its active senior membership

**WENVOE Castle Golf Club has a thriving seniors section with more than 50 very active members.**

The seniors organise regular weekly competitions and enjoy friendly team matches both home and away against other golf clubs in south Wales.

The seniors open days held each year in July and September which prove very popular with visitors and are often over subscribed.

Their enthusiasm holds no bounds and the course has benefited over the years from their individual skills and experience in planting shrubs and flowers to brighten up the course.

In addition, the seniors section make regular donations to the club to install useful facilities around the course such as ball washers, litter baskets and shoe clean-



Former senior captains Phil Day (left) and Brian Jones unveiling the new Seniors Section honours board.

ing equipment.

In recognition of their organisation and contribution to club life over many years, a special honours board has been erected in the clubhouse which lists the individual captains of the seniors section spanning more than 20 years.

The new board was unveiled by last year's captain Brian Jones, who was joined by Phil Day,

also a former captain almost 20 years' ago.

The current captain, Roger Thomas, was unable to attend the ceremony because of holiday commitments but Brian Green, the club captain and Brian Coffin, club president were both on hand to congratulate the seniors on their excellent work and contribution over the years.

## Penarth pupils try out non-traditional sports



Pupils at Stanwell School taking part in fencing, with Pete O'Sullivan (right), joined by Vale Council cabinet member for leisure and tourism Coun Anthony Ernest and fencing coach Peter Russell (left).

**FENCING, dodgeball and futsal are among the non-traditional sports for secondary school pupils in Penarth – part of an innovative 5x60 scheme.**

New 5x60 Officer Pete O'Sullivan is organising sessions at both Stanwell School and St Cyres Comprehensive outside school hours.

Mr O'Sullivan said: “Some pupils may not be that keen on the traditional sports such as football, rugby, netball and hockey, and really want to have a go at something different, such as fencing.”

“The pupils are able to voice their opinions and ideas for what they would like to get involved in.”

## Isabel celebrates her 50th winner!

**RIGHT:** As was reported in last week's GEM by Brian Lee, Isabel Tompsett (left) notched up her 50th point to point winner, after her success on Chesnut Annie in the ladies open race at Erw Lon. On the right is Chesnut Annie's owner and trainer, Beth Roberts. Photograph by Alun Sedgmore/Sporting Prints.





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## Incredible... but Wales cannot expect to repeat the Great Escape

**BACK PAGE COMMENT** by Don John

**T**HE air of incredulity at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff was mirrored in pubs and clubs across Wales on Saturday evening, as ecstatic rugby supporters celebrated a feat worthy of the great escapologist Houdini himself.

Looking at a final scoreboard reading Wales 31 Scotland 24, everyone knew they had witnessed one of the most amazing turnarounds in world sport, the like of which will surely not be repeated in their lifetime.

For all of 70 minutes, it had seemed there could be only one realistic outcome, as a completely transformed Scottish team rampaged about the field like kilted Highland clansmen of old, scattering defenders before them and threatening to inflict a defeat of epic proportions on a Welsh team still recovering from the previous weekend's 30-17 loss to England at Twickenham.

With literally minutes left on the clock, and comfortably ahead at 24-14, the determined Scots must have thought their first triumph at the Millennium Stadium since 2002 was at last in sight – thanks to a master-class in cool control by impressive outside half, Blues-bound Dan Parks – firmly marshalling a typically robust Scottish pack and a snappily-alert threequarter line.

It was then that Lady Luck, who has not smiled on Wales too much recently, this time turned her face against the Scots, who bizarrely began to implode through a combination of injuries to key personnel, including Parks and the unfortunate Thom Evans – and a catastrophic collapse in discipline, which saw two players in the sin bin as the stadium clock counted down towards full time.

Suddenly, 13-man Scotland's total of two tries (one converted by Chris Paterson before he left the field injured) two penalties and two drop goals by that man Parks, was not enough.

In a nerve-jangling, dramatic finale, the Welsh team launched a series of desperate attacks that reaped an astounding 17 points, in just about the time it took record-breaking Roger Bannister to run the first four-minute mile.

The Welsh points came from tries by Lee Byrne and Leigh Halfpenny, with four penalties and two conversions by Stephen Jones; but fittingly, with the score now level at 24-24, the irrepressible Shane Williams,

who had spearheaded the surreal comeback, dealt the *coup de grace* to Scottish hopes with a scampering try under the posts converted by Jones, with seconds to spare.

While the battling Scots may well feel that justice was not done in the end, and home critics point to familiar Welsh failings in execution that were again exposed by another disappointing error count, the experience of the two games thus far in the Six Nations may yet stand them in good psychological stead.

Before the Twickenham match, Lawrence Dallaglio repeated his questionable view that Welsh players lack mental strength and that "heads go down" when the going gets tough.

The perception surely has been emphatically answered in this year's Six Nations, not only by the commendable view in which Wales came back to within a whisker of winning at Twickenham, but even more so in those frantic dying seconds on Saturday, when Wales simply refused to concede defeat – or even settle for a draw.

Few teams could have matched the mental strength, never mind the level of physical fitness required after such a prolonged battering, to not only recover but snatch victory from the very edge of defeat.

That said, the Welsh camp will be fully aware that their Great Escape cannot obscure the harsh truth that Wales were second best for much of this game. They also know full well that there will be no such such happy outcome if the error-ridden, defensively-frail performance is repeated against next week's visitors to the Millennium Stadium, the formidable French, who can already scent a Grand Slam in the air after demolishing title holders Ireland in Paris.

Warren Gatland and his fellow coaches have several key choices to make in the starting line-up, not least at half back, but have little time to eradicate the weaknesses exposed by the Scots at breakdown and set piece.

That said, they will have been hugely cheered by the tenacity and never-say-die spirit shown by the Welsh players in the closing minutes on Saturday.

If this can be maintained from the outset, to smoothly execute an error-free game plan, the gifted Welsh backline could ensure that French Grand Slam hopes are thwarted yet again, *a la* 2008!

*It will be a tough challenge but they have already proved it can be done.*

## Barry RFC memorial race night

**BARRY Rugby Club is to hold a 'race evening' on Saturday, March 6, in memory of two friends of the club who died of cancer.**

Funds raised on the night will go towards the rugby club, and the names of the two, Mark Ames and Wendy Hayne, will be printed on the shirts of a team kit for the sec-

ond XV.

The organiser, Wayne Wheadon, told The GEM: "We hope that friends of Mark and Wendy will come along to support the night."

"I know that Wendy was a former employee of Woolworths, and we would welcome any colleagues."

He added: "The success of the

evening depends on selling horses, obtaining prizes and race sponsorship, so anyone who would like to help should contact me on 07831 499097."

*The race night will take place at Barry Rugby Club, Reservoir Field, Merthyr Dyfan Road, Barry, at 7.30pm.*

## LEAGUE LEADERS EDGE VICTORY Villagers fall victim to a 20-yard Goytre 'screamer'

**DINAS went on the attack from the first whistle and, after good approach work by Ricki Morgan and Joe Hinds, a cross from the right wing found Tony Wallis at the far post but he didn't hit his shot cleanly and Goytre keeper Chris Curtis was able to scramble the ball away.**

Another attack down the left wing by Paul Carro culminated in him cutting in and shooting just over the bar. Just two minutes later, the same player used his pace to make progress, before laying the ball inside to Wallis, who made amends for his earlier miss with a fine strike, to beat Curtis from 15 yards for the opener after nine minutes.

**DINAS POWYS GOYTRE UTD**

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However, the visitors are not top of the league for nothing and began to get their act together with Darren Lyons firing over the bar from a corner and then Darren Griffiths connecting with a John Meacock free kick but his shot was wide of the upright.

As the half wore on it was Goytre having more of the ball but Dinas always looking dangerous on the break.

In the 35th minute the visitors did get the ball in the net, Richard Ryan's free kick finding Darren Lyons at the far post for a looping leader but his effort was ruled offside.

Just as it looked as though Dinas would hold onto their lead until the interval, they failed to clear their lines and the ball fell to Lyons again who made no mistake with a powerful shot from 12 yards.

Dinas had their keeper Peter Blaine to thank right on the stroke of half-time for two superb saves to keep the score level at the interval.

The hosts had the perfect start early in the second half when the referee awarded them a penalty for handball.

Captain Ricki Morgan took the spot kick but Curtis guessed the right way and made a good save.

The visitors then found themselves down to 10 men when an assistant drew the referee's attention to an off the ball incident and Scott Kenyon was shown a straight red card.

Goytre were then awarded a penalty for hand ball 15 minutes into the half.

Richard Ryan blasted the spot kick into the roof of the net giving Blaine no chance.

Five minutes later Jacob Rudman threaded a pass to Paul Carro, having one of his better games, but Curtis managed to save his shot.

This was about as good as it got for Dinas as the 10 men looked comfortable and they made the game safe with the best goal of the game, a long ball out from Curtis found Griffiths who hit a 20 yard screamer to make it 3-1.

With 20 minutes remaining, manager Danny Kinsey replaced Joe Hinds with Nathan Hosgood and Andy Lane came on for Owain Adams.

Dinas did have one further chance when a good cross from Mark Dunford on the right found Wallis but his header was saved by Curtis.

Dinas next make the trek down to Swansea to face Garden Village FC.

**PETER KING**

## Rugby club veterans ready for French invasion

**WITH the forthcoming Six Nations game between Wales and France on Friday, February 26 just over a week away, Barry Rugby Club veterans are busy preparing for their biennial fixture against Beauvais Les Independants veterans.**

Following the Barry veterans' successful visit to Beauvais, and in becoming European Veterans Champions for the last two years, Beauvais are also visiting Barry with an additional team from Narbonne, who are intent on beating the reigning champions.

It means an exciting tournament is in store on Saturday, February 27. Paul Haley of Barry veterans said: "The veterans are delighted to welcome our French visitors to Barry, and encourage Barrians to show our hospitality, as the visitors will be in town for at least three days and will enjoy meeting local people."

"Barry will play Beauvais for the Nick Jones Memorial Trophy, which was first played for two years ago, with Barry being successful

on that occasion."

Following the tournament, there will be an afternoon of entertainment and hospitality at the Barry clubhouse, which will feature catering by Ian Peters and the 4th Horseshoe Team, and the Barry Male Voice Choir, who will lead everyone in communal singing.

This will be followed by the Six Nations match between England against Ireland live on screen, and then further entertainment from Barry veteran Norman Pereira, who will also perform in French.

There will be a friendly atmosphere and an opportunity for spectators to enjoy the old days of social rugby.

Kick off is planned for mid-day, although it is advisable to check with the club beforehand, in case of changes, as there could potentially be a third French team taking part.

Barry Rugby Club veterans are keen to hear from any former players and club members who wish to host our French visitors for the weekend.

*Any players or former players wishing to play on the day, should contact Mickey Mephem, in advance in order to be properly registered, on 07795 334345.*

## Gold medal for Barry boxer

**A YOUNG Barry boxer, Andrew Selby, has won a gold medal for GB Boxing at this year's Bockskai tournament in Hungary with an emphatic 13-4 victory over Russian, Vislan Dalkhayev in the final.**

Selby's gold medal at bantamweight was the highlight of a strong showing by Great Britain with five of its six-strong team reaching the semi-finals in a highly competitive tournament which featured 176 boxers from 17 countries.

GB Boxing's performance director, Rob McCracken, said: "Andrew performed superbly throughout the tournament and his gold medal was the highlight of a very promising showing by the Great

Britain team.

"The standard of competition was high and all of the team acquitted themselves well and delivered some eye catching performances against tough opponents."

"It was very good preparation for the Commonwealth Games and European Championships later in the year and we can look forward with confidence."

Selby's victory in the final came after a semi-final win over Moldovan Veaceslav Gojan and a close-fought contest against Martin Parlagi of Slovakia, with Selby winning 4-3 after going into the final round on level points.

This followed a 4-1 victory on countback in his first round contest against Matti Koota of Finland.

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